

There are at least seven miracles in the first two chapters of Jonah:

- God caused a violent storm (1:4)
- He had the lot fall on Jonah (1:7)
- He calmed the sea when Jonah was thrown overboard (1:15)
- He commanded the fish to swallow Jonah (1:17)
- He had the fish transport him safely (2:10)
- He had the fish throw Jonah up on dry land (2:10)
- He melted the disobedient prophet's heart. (2:7)

What makes them miracles? Do you agree that they are miracles? What should our attitude be towards situations in our life, through which we have no control?

**Read Matthew 12: 38-41.**

What are the parallels between this passage and the story of Jonah? Why did Jesus make the connection? What does this mean for us?

**Close in prayer**

Pray for each other as we seek to live for Christ. Pray that we will grow and mature through hardship, quick to repent and leaning into Him.



# JONAH

## God's Merciful Steadfast Love Growth Group Study Guide

Week 3

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**Jonah 2: 1-10**

### **Series Overview:**

Jonah is the central character in the Book of Jonah, in which God commands him to go to the city of Nineveh to prophesy against it for their great wickedness against him. However, Jonah instead attempts to run from God by going in the opposite direction and sailing towards Tarshish. The main message from this book is God's merciful, steadfast love. Jonah was a prophet, and even though he had let God down in numerous ways, he was still forgiven because God showed him unlimited love and compassion. Through the five weeks of this sermon series, our prayer is that we, as imperfect people may also experience God's amazing mercy and love, not through our obedience, but through God's grace in Christ.

**Tell each other the story of Jonah so far (Ch.1)**

What stands out to you in this chapter?

**Read Jonah 2: 1-10**

In today's sermon we looked at Jonah's journey so far, this included:

**Rebellion (Ch.1)**

**Repentance (Ch.2: 1-9)**

**Redemption (Ch.2: 10)**

Find key words or phrases in these two chapters that reveal rebellion, repentance, and redemption. What can we learn about our own lives from these two chapters?

**Let's now look at Jonah's response to God's discipline:**

**1. He cries out for help.**

Read v.2.

What brought Jonah to this helpless situation? In what ways can we relate to Jonah?

**2. He accepts God's discipline**

Read v.3. Who did Jonah believe threw him into the sea?

God often uses hardship as a means to discipline us. Read Hebrews 12: 5-11.

What should be our response to hardship? What is the best attitude to have towards hardship?

What parallels can you see between the Jonah story, and the Hebrews passage?

**3. He places his trust and hope in God's promises**

Read Jonah 2: 4. This passage is cross-referenced to 1 Kings 8: 38-40, where King Solomon is dedicating the temple.

What promises are in this passage?

What comfort does that give us?

**4. He submitted to God's Will**

Read Jonah 2: 8-9.

What brought Jonah to arrive at this new attitude? What does that mean for us?