

GOD'S MISSIONARY CALL

Return to God

Additional praises/significant happenings this past week:

Ice Breaker: What's the biggest fish you ever caught?

- * Brief prayer seeking spiritual understanding
- * Read Jonah 1:17-2:10

God's Purpose Prevails (vv. 1:17; 2:10)

1. Could God intervene in the world in a miraculous way more often? Why doesn't He? What kind of Christians would that create?

2. Discuss what we learn about the character of God

A) Through His pursuit and rescue of Jonah

B) Leaving Jonah entombed in the fish 3 days & nights

C) As this compares to Jesus' entombment (see Matthew 12:38-41)

God's Mercy Runs Deep (vv. 2:1-7)

1. Identify words and phrases that:
 - help us understand Jonah's fears and feelings
 - express praise and thanksgiving
 - convey repentance
 - show faith of God's deliverance and a renewed relationship

2. Discuss the similarities of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) and Jonah.

God's Grace Inspires Sacrificial Service (vv. 2:8-9)

TOUCH – TURN – TALK

God reached down to the depths of the sea and “**touched**” Jonah’s life. Jonah repented and “**turned**” from his rebellious ways. Now God was preparing Jonah to “**talk**” (get involved) and share His message of saving them from God’s wrath.

1. How do these three words relate to God’s calling us to missions involvement?

Wrap up:

Where are you in relation to God’s call to be involved with missions? Touching? Turning? Talking?

Prayer:

For needs of one another

LIFE GROUPS

A safe place to build friendships and nurture spiritual growth.

- L** ♦ Learn..... applying Biblical truth for everyday living
- I** ♦ Invite.....welcoming others to our fellowship
- F** ♦ Fellowship.....nurturing Christ centered caring relationships
- E** ♦ Evangelism..... reaching others with the hope of Christ