



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

JONAH 2 – HOW DO WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The book of Jonah is a _____.

- God calls Jonah to bring a message of _____ and _____ to the people of Nineveh.
- Jonah _____ in the _____ direction.
- God sends a _____ to get his _____.
- Jonah _____ that the crew throw him _____.

SCRIPTURE

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said: “In my distress I called to the LORD, and He answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the depths, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.” I said, ‘I have been banished from Your sight; yet I will look again to your holy temple.’ “Then engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you, LORD my God, brought my life up from the pit. When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God’s love for them. But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’” The LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

JONAH 2:1-10, NIV

BIG IDEA

_____ stands between you and God’s grace for you, except for _____
_____.
_____.

TENSION QUESTION & APPLICATION

How do we _____ to God's grace?

1. _____ your need for it.
2. Exercise your _____ through sacrifice.
3. _____ the reason behind your _____.

FINAL NOTE

An _____ to respond to God's grace is a sign that you are _____
to an _____.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is your reaction to the big idea of today's message?
2. Are there additional ways to respond to God's grace?
3. Do you need to sacrifice anything as an exercise of trust?
4. Has thanksgiving for your salvation led to proclamation of the Gospel to unbelievers? What does your answer say about the value you place on your rescue from sin?
5. Timothy Keller says, "An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, 'If I have that, then I'll feel my life has meaning, then I'll know I have value, then I'll feel significant and secure'" (Counterfeit Gods). What are some things in life from which you might be drawing inordinate amount of self-worth, personal value or even a sense of security?
6. How does Jonah compare to Christ in this chapter? What might this comparison reveal about how we should read the storyline of Scripture?
7. How do we share the truth that salvation comes only from the LORD in a world that believes truth is subjective?