

Finding Grace in the Belly of the Beast

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Elements of Transformation:

• An _____ of our _____.

• A _____ to _____.

An _____ of _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Do you struggle to think of Jonah’s story “historically and realistically”? Why or why not? What would you say to someone who questions the truth of Scripture?
2. Read **Romans 3:9-18** and Ephesians **2:1-3, 12**. In what ways does Jonah’s experience underwater illustrate our spiritual condition?
3. Would you say that you live with a regular awareness of your condition before God? What are some ways that you “medicate” yourself to numb that awareness?
4. Chris quoted Tim Keller, who has said that “grace is an undeserved gift from an unobligated giver.” Can you think of an experience when you experienced true grace? (God’s grace is the obvious answer. Try to think of something else.)
5. **Jonah 2:8** says that we miss out on God’s grace when we cling to idols. What are the idols your heart is drawn toward? How is God’s love greater and more fulfilling than those idols? Are you willing to let go of them??