

JONAH

The Relentless Mercy of God

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READ

Read Jonah 2 and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Notice the timing of Jonah's prayer—he doesn't pray until he's in the belly of the fish. What can we conclude from this?
- Why does Jonah describe being swallowed by the fish as being saved?
- In verse 3, Jonah says that it was the Lord who cast him into the waters. Considering what happened in 1:15, why is this important?
- Do you notice anything missing from Jonah's prayer? Is he fully repentant? Why or why not?
- With 1:16 in mind, why might it be significant that Jonah uses similar language in verse 9?

APPLY

- What does Jonah's prayer teach us about our ability to solve the problem of sin on our own?
- What is a time you have experienced God's mercy when you were at rock bottom? What did you learn from this experience?
- Tim Keller notes that Jonah "sees the literal idols that the pagans worship [in v. 8] and doesn't see the more subtle idols in his own life..." Do you ever easily spot the idols of others while missing your own? How can you grow in identifying and leaving behind your idols?
- Has God called you to do anything that you've run from and need to respond in repentance and obedience?

PRAY

Spend time praising God, confessing sin, and bringing requests to Him in response to this passage.

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