

SUNDAY GATHERING // 5.2.21

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 5th Grade Discipleship Class // Sundays @ 11a for six weeks [May 16 - June 20]. This class will be taught by Sarah, our SeasideKids director and Pastor Noah, our Youth Pastor. Parents of 5th grade students, please find more info @ seasidechurch.com/events.
- Baptisms coming on May 23. If you haven't been baptized but are interested, pick up our Baptism at Seaside document at the connect cart or online @ seasidechurch.com/resources. Our baptism class will be held the week before. Email jon@seasidechurch.com with questions or interest.
- Seaside Men's Group // Saturday, May 8 @ 8-10a. All men are welcome. Bring your Bible and a mask. Coffee and community will be provided.
- ManCamp // Saturday, May 22 @ Miracle Ranch. This will be an all-day outdoor event. Mark your calendars now, and keep a lookout for registration.

COLLECT:

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

READINGS:

Acts 8:26-40 // Psalm 66:1-8
1 John 3:18-24 // John 14:15-21

Jonah: When God Loves Your Enemies Jonah Rebels [1:1-16]

GROUP DISCUSSION:

Read Jonah 1:1-16

What stands out to you personally from this story?

What's significant about the writer saying that Jonah was "fleeing God's presence" and not simply "fleeing God's command?"

How is your heart right now? Are you in a place of running from God? Sometimes the running is clear and other times we can hide our rebellion behind our religion. Consider the hypocrisy of Jonah (1:9) as well as Jesus' words in Matthew 15:7-8 in your response.

Who is the hero in this story? How would that land on the heart of a loyal Israelite sitting around the campfire hearing this story for the first time?

Resources:

The Bible Project (www.bibleproject.com) has a theme video, a podcast, and a series of sermons through Jonah.

The Prodigal Prophet: Jonah and the Mystery of God's Mercy, Tim Keller.

Under the Predictable Plant: An Exploration in Vocational Holiness, Eugene Peterson.