

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ManCamp // Saturday, May 22 @ Miracle Ranch. This will be an all-day outdoor event. Mark your calendars now, and keep a lookout for registration.
- 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 at seasidechurch.com/resources. Our baptism class will be held the week before. Email jon@seasidechurch.com with questions or interest.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, please find more info at seasidechurch.com/events.
- Creatives, help us help you look fly this summer! Our pre-summer T-Shirt Design contest is open [now through May 15]. Find the details and contest parameters at seasidechurch.com/tshirt.

### COLLECT:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **READINGS**:

Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-25 // Psalm 33:1-8 // 1 John 4:7-21 // John 15:9-17

## Jonah: When God Loves Your Enemies Jonah Repents [1:17-2:10]

### **GROUP DISCUSSION:**

Read Jonah 1:17-2:10

In the message, Pastor Rob mentioned 7 spiritual truths that we can consider in our own lives with God. Which one(s) connect with you and why?

- 1. You can cry out to God in your distress and he will hear you (2:2).
- 2. Sometimes God uses difficult circumstances to get your attention (2:3; Heb. 12:5-6).
- 3. Repentance is both remorseful and hopeful (2:4).
- 4. It's good to testify to the Lord's deliverance (2:5-6).
- 5. You can always come back to God, even if you've forgotten Him (2:7; Rev. 2:2-4).
- 6. Returning to God always leads to living for God (2:8-9).
- 7. We should all learn to pray the Psalms.

Read Matthew 12:38-40. How is the story of Jonah like a sign pointing to Jesus?

# Jonah 1:17-2:10 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

<sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying,

"I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,

and he answered me;

out of the belly of Sheol I cried,

and you heard my voice.

- <sup>3</sup> For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.
- Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look

upon your holy temple.'

<sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrepped about my based

weeds were wrapped about my head

- at the roots of the mountains.
  I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.
- When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
- Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love.
- But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
   what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

### **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.

<u>Under the Predictable Plant: An Exploration in Vocational Holiness</u>, Eugene Peterson.