

**Text:** *Jonah 1:1-16*

1. When was the last time you heard an “outrageous God (fish) story.” What was your reaction?
2. Why did God allow Jonah to be swallowed by a huge fish?
3. In Jonah 1:17-2:1, we discover that Jonah’s fish struggles were part of God’s divine plan. Think of a time when God was “unbelievably” leading you? What was your response?
4. Have you ever struggled to follow God’s leading? Why or why not?
5. What was God trying to teach Jonah in the belly of this fish? How can our “fish struggles” cause us to pray more?
6. In Jonah 2:2-7, we hear Jonah’s psalm of praise. What miracles does Jonah recall from his 3 days and 3 nights in the belly of a sea monster?
7. Miracle #1: How did God save Jonah’s life (Jonah 2:2)? How has God saved your life?
8. Miracle #2: How do we know that God saw Jonah’s future (Jonah 2:3-4)? Looking back, can you see how God was leading you into the future you are now living?
9. Miracle #3: How do we know that God heard Jonah’s prayers (Jonah 2:5-7)?
10. How has God answered your prayers in difficult seasons? What would you say to someone who doesn’t believe in God or in prayer?
11. How and why did Jonah decide to become obedient to God and His plan (Jonah 2:8-10)?
12. How does obedience to God open the door to God’s blessings?
13. Jonah was vomited up on the shore by God’s divine hand. How should the story of Jonah and a big fish impact our lives today? Explain.