

Jonah

The book of Jonah can feel so foreign to us. A prophet long ago sent to a faraway land was swallowed up by a whale. What could this have to do with us? Everything. Just as Jonah was, we are called to go where God calls us to, wrestle with our own sinful motives, and love difficult and even hurtful people. In this series, we will both see ourselves in Jonah's life and learn from his mistakes.

WEEK THREE

LOVING WHO GOD WANTS US TO LOVE

Message Passage: Jonah 3:1-4:11 Small Group Passage: Luke 15:25-32

TEACHING AND VIDEO NOTES

Small Group: I want us to see together how understanding the depth and nature of God's love for us frees us to love who God deeply desires us to love.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What do we learn about God and His nature based on how he interacts with the Prophet Jonah throughout the book?
- 2. When was a time in your life when God was patient with you?

READ: Luke 15:25-32

- 3. What was the older son's mindset? How did he view his younger, rebellious brother?
- 4. How did the older brother view his relationship with his father? Specifically, why did he feel he deserved better treatment than his brother?
- 5. Do you see any similarities between the older brother in this parable and Jonah?
- 6. What does it look like for us to make the same mistakes today?
- 7. Both the Book of Jonah and the parable we just read end on the same note. Two men angry at God are utterly alone with no clear signs of repentance. Both men were angry at God the Father's undeserved mercy and kindness. What must we begin to do so that we do not find ourselves in the same situation?

PRAYER TIME

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