




Jonah: Pursuit

Jonah 1:17-3:3

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read the sermon scripture(s) listed above. What stands out to you? What do you find interesting and/or important? What is challenging or causes you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Do you know God's pursuit in your life? Have you ever experienced His relentless pursuit?
- 2 What was your one, big takeaway from the sermon? How would you summarize the main theme of the sermon in one phrase or sentence?

PURSUIT: SEVERE MERCY

- 3 God disciplined Jonah in the same direction he was already going – he let him experience the consequences of his rebellion and spiritual pride. Has God ever disciplined you like Jonah (minus the big fish!)?

- 5 Do you think of yourself/see yourself as the kind of person that regularly needs God's correction?
- 6 How do you know the difference between God's discipline versus just living with the effects of a broken world?
- 7 Discuss the following two quotes:
 "God does not work from the top-down, He works from the bottom-up."
 "You don't know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you've got."

PURSUIT: SALVATION'S SHOUT

- 8 In the belly of the fish Jonah learned, "I deserve this" and "I can't fix this". When was the last time you learned those lessons? When was the last time you felt helpless and yet at the same time hopeful?
- 9 In your Christian life are you more likely to act like a person at a stuffy, black-tie affair, or like a homeless person hooting and hollering at a banquet?

PURSUIT: ARISE TO MISSION

- 10 Why is the gospel the end of snobbery and disdain?
- 11 Adam said that God uses you in your weakness and mess, like a broken instrument in a symphony of grace. How does this encourage you? Do you feel used by God in this way?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?