

# JONAH

## Talk 1 – Jonah 2 – the beauty of grace

### Small group questions

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact [revkev182@gmail.com](mailto:revkev182@gmail.com)

#### 1. Reflection on God's Sovereignty:

- How does Jonah's acknowledgment that God "hurled" him into the depths reflect an understanding of God's sovereignty over all things?

#### 2. The Turning Point: "But! – I called, I remembered":

- Jonah acknowledges calling out to God in distress and remembering Him. How do these actions represent a turning point in Jonah's experience?

#### 3. Grace in the Depths:

- Explore the concept of God's grace in Jonah's rescue from the pit. How does Jonah's experience parallel the grace we receive through Christ?
- In what ways have you experienced God's grace in your life, rescuing you from difficult situations or the consequences of your choices?

#### 4. Comparing Worthless Idols to God's Love:

- Jonah recognises the folly of clinging to worthless idols. How can we identify modern-day idols that people may be clinging to?
- Discuss practical ways to share God's love with those who may be unknowingly turning away from it by clinging to idols.

#### 5. Personal Moments of Clarity:

- Share moments in your life when you gained clarity about the worthlessness of certain idols and turned your focus back to God.
- How can we maintain clarity in recognizing and resisting idols in our lives, ensuring our devotion to God remains steadfast?

#### 6. Sharing the Message of Salvation:

- Jonah's declaration, "Salvation comes from the Lord," is a powerful message. How can we incorporate this message into our efforts to share Jesus with others?

#### 7. Applying the Lessons to Our Lives:

- How can we learn from Jonah's experience and apply the lessons of God's grace, repentance, and the futility of idols in our daily lives?
- Share specific actions or changes you feel prompted to make in response to the insights gained from Jonah's story.

#### 8. Closing Thoughts on God's Faithfulness:

- Reflect on the closing verse where God commands the fish to vomit Jonah onto dry land. How does this demonstrate God's faithfulness in completing the rescue?
- How can we express gratitude for God's faithfulness in our lives, acknowledging that He is the one who commands our salvation?

*Prayer idea – We thank you Father for the powerful message from Jonah's story. May we, like Jonah, embrace the depths of your grace and share the message of salvation with those around us. Grant us clarity to recognise and turn away from worthless idols, focusing our hearts on your love.*

*We thank you for your faithfulness, demonstrated in Jonah's rescue, and we trust in your continued guidance in our lives. May the lessons from this study shape our thoughts and actions, leading us to a deeper understanding of your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*