

JONAH

AND THE GREAT CITY

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

Jonah & The Great City - Part 2

INTRODUCTION

In Jonah 2, we see a prayer that reveals the mind of a man who finally understood that God alone can rescue him.¹ At the lowest point of his life, Jonah recognizes his dilemma without Christ and confesses that “salvation belongs to the Lord”. This message confronted Jonah, the pagan sailors, and Nineveh. And it continues to confront you and me today.²

Reflection

1. Will someone recap what we studied and learned last week in Jonah 1?
2. Was there anything especially helpful from sermon on Sunday?

BIBLE STUDY

Read Jonah 2:1-3

3. What do these verses show us about God’s ability and willingness to save us? How does this practically affect the way we seek repentance with God? With others?
4. What are the biggest obstacles that keep you from believing God will help and save you? How does the gospel transform the way you view these obstacles?

¹ J.D. Greear, *The Gospel According to Jonah: A New Kind of Obedience* (Nashville: LifeWay Press, 2013), 25.

² *Ibid.*, 41.

Read Jonah 2:4-6

5. How do these verses help us understand our dilemma without Christ?
6. Why is this important to understand as we seek repentance?

Read Jonah 2:7-10

7. How does remembering the gospel give you confidence as you seek repentance?
8. How does “salvation belong to the Lord”?
9. How does your life reflect that you are living in response to this reality? How could it? What does it look like for our group to experience and live in light of this reality together?

PRAYER

Prayer is an essential component of your life as a follower of Christ, and an integral part of any healthy church body. Divide up into groups of 2-3 people (or, if you prefer, men and women) and use the following points to guide you through a time of prayer together.

1. Thank God that even when you were dead in your trespasses, that He loved you enough to save you.
2. Consider and confess sins that you need to repent to God and others.
3. Ask God that your life, our church, our city, and the world would be transformed by the truth that “salvation belongs to the Lord”.

