



Jonah

The Bible's 'big fish' story
about the one that DIDN'T get away...

A 4-part Bible Study Series

At just 4 chapters Jonah is a small book, but its story is one of the most well known in all of the Old Testament. Yet, it's about more than just a big fish. It's about Jonah; a prophet. A prophet who, as one song says, "never really got it!" In fact, given that he ran from his calling, railed against God's plans, and wrestled with bitter resentment toward God and God's grace, we might wonder how his story ever made it into the scriptures. And yet, Jonah's story might offer us a way to better understand our faith stories, and perhaps even our own struggles in coming to terms with the immensity of God's grace and love for us.

So join us this Lenten Season, for our upcoming **4-part Bible Study series on the Book of "Jonah" which will begin on Thurs, Mar. 4th**. Afternoon sessions will be offered in-person, in the church hall from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Evening sessions will be held online via ZOOM from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Please note that in keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, our plan is to limit our in-person afternoon sessions to a cohort group of no more than 10 people. Those interested in in-person session, will be asked to register online, or by contacting the office (Please also note that priority will be given to those with special needs, or who are without such things as the necessary internet access or peripherals to fully participate via ZOOM). These same 10 people will then meet each week as a fixed in-person study group, with all others being invited to watch for their weekly links to arrive via email to join our online sessions.

Whether in-person, or on-line, we pray for understanding and hope you'll make plans to attend and to take part as we study God's word together!

Thurs. Mar. 4th: "Anywhere...but THERE!" (Jonah 1:1-16)

In exploring Jonah's response to God's calling (and what that might tell us about both Jonah and God), we'll seek to reflect upon our own calling as Jesus' followers, and about what our response might have to teach us about our own faith journeys.

Thurs. Mar. 11th: A prayer...from the pit of the stomach! (Jonah 1:17-2:10)

As we dive deep into Jonah's prayer from the depths we'll reflect upon what sits at the centre of our own prayer lives, and what that might say about the nature of our own life with God...and others.

Thurs. Mar. 18th: The issue of the unhappy camper! (Jonah 3:1-4:11)

As we examine what sort of values might have driven Jonah's resentment toward God we'll reflect upon what sort of things often add to our own struggles with God's grace, and what lessons God might have to offer us in the midst of that.

Thurs. Mar. 25th: Jesus & the 'sign' of Jonah (Matthew 12:38-42)

Just as Jesus used Jonah's story to help the people of his day anticipate his own death and resurrection, we'll reflect on the how Jonah's story might still help us amidst the Lenten Season to consider the reality (and challenges) of trying to live out a life of faith today.