



**HOUSE** GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Jonah 2:1-10

**(Memory Verse)**

**Jonah 4:2** NKJV - *2 ...I know that You [are] a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.*

**(Jonah 2:1-3):** Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. (2) And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, [And] You heard my voice. (3) For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

**Question:** How does rebelling against God cause our hearts to be hardened?

**Question:** In times of direct disobedience to God why does it feel so difficult to pray?

**Question:** How does prayer soften our hearts to the will of the Lord, and reengage us in His calling on our lives?

**Question:** In verse 3, Jonah says that "*Your billows, and Your waves passed over me.*" How does the Lord use pain, difficulty, and coming to the end of ourselves to bring us back to Him?

**(Jonah 2:4-6):** Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.' (5) The waters surrounded me, [even] to my soul; The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. (6) I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars [closed] behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.

**Question:** How does continual disobedience to God lead into deeper depths of sin?

**Question:** Hopelessness is a terrible feeling, but how does God give us hope even in the darkest hour of our lives?

**Question:** What are your thoughts on why the Lord allows us to get to the end our ropes before He intervenes?

**(Jonah 2:7-8):** "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went [up] to You, Into Your holy temple. (8) "Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy.

**Question:** What caused Jonah to remember the Lord?

**Question:** Why is Jonah's indirect acknowledgment of God's mercy such an important thing at this point?

**(Jonah 2:9-10):** But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation [is] of the LORD." (10) So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry [land].

**Question:** Jonah says, "Salvation is of the LORD." What does that mean?

**Question:** What does it mean when we say that God's salvation is complete salvation?

**Question:** What encouragement would you give to someone that is:  
A - disobeying God, and B. - desiring to return to God?