

Jonah 2
The Great Pursuit
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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever noticed having a dating phase in all of your relationships? It is that phase where you really cannot completely be yourself but you are establishing a comfort level with another person. Do you move to this place of comfort very quickly or does it take you a long time?
2. As you pray, do you feel like you can communicate in the same way you would with a close friend or with a new acquaintance?
3. When you read vs. 3-5 and hear Jonah's distress, is there a time in your life that comes to mind – maybe not as traumatic as Jonah but still a significant moment in your life? Can you look back and see certain things that God wanted to do in your life?
4. Jonah was delivered from his plight by the "great fish." Do you believe that God always delivers in such dramatic – obviously divine – manners?
5. Jonah was not praying for a fish to swallow him (4-6). Is it hard for us to be welcoming of God's desired manner of deliverance instead of ours? (i.e. – we may be praying for work conditions to improve and we end up fired and eventually in a better job... He does not usually answer how we would expect.)