

## **Jonah: The Gospel Run**

### **Jonah 2**

1. What stands out to you about Jonah's prayer? What does he recognize now that he didn't before?
2. How does Jonah come to terms with his position in the belly of the fish. Who does he say is responsible?
3. Why does Jonah worship God? What does he say to those who worship idols instead of God?
4. The book of Jonah invites us to examine our own trials. In a letter to his friend Sheldon Vanauken, whose wife died in her thirties as he was wrestling with his own faith, C.S. Lewis writes, "You have been treated with a severe mercy." In other words, God has demonstrated his love and compassion through a really difficult experience.

Have you ever experienced a "severe mercy," where God draws you nearer to himself through a painful circumstance?

5. Read Romans 8:28-29. What does Paul teach us about the purpose of "all things"? Elisabeth Elliot, whose husband was killed during his missionary work in Ecuador, once wrote "The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances." What do you think she means? How would you respond to her statement?
6. Are there any "worthless idols" that you are putting ahead of Christ? How can your reading of Jonah help you take your next step?