

Crash Course in Compassion

February 4, 2018

Passage: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Main Point: Even through extraordinary circumstances, God will fulfill His mission.

Case Study:

Someone you spoke with recently has expressed that he is skeptical of stories in the Bible, such as the story of Jonah. How do you address this person's doubts?

The Word:

1. What was the purpose of the giant fish swallowing Jonah?
2. Why did Jonah decide to pray while he was in the fish? What was his prayer?
3. Read Matthew 12:38-41. What does Jesus reveal about the story of Jonah?

The World:

1. How does the world perceive prayer?
2. What are some misperceptions of Jonah's story?
3. Do you think Jonah changed his attitude in the fish? What are some consequences for running from God?

The Application:

1. How might this story encourage you when you face impossible circumstances?
2. What Gospel risks have you taken this week?
3. Take some time to pray for people who are carrying the Gospel to places where most people do not want to go.

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.