

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

God in Pursuit: Week 2

### **Prayer**

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### **Read**

Jonah 1:17-2:10

### **Main Ideas**

In this passage, Jonah's story continues as God sends a fish to swallow him for three days. As he sits there, Jonah prays, declaring that he has been banished and raised again, and that it is only God who has the right and power to save. The text is an example of Jonah experiencing God's mercy and grappling with God's desire to give that mercy to others.

### **Icebreaker Question**

- If you had front-row seats to any event, which would you choose?

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Is this part of the story difficult for you to understand or believe? How should we think about this story in light of every other miracle we see God do throughout Scripture?
2. What does Jonah get right about God or himself in this prayer?
3. What does Jonah not get right about God or himself in this prayer?
4. God seems to be using this moment of darkness to get Jonah's attention and to call him back to Himself.
  - a. Have you ever experienced God's severe mercy?
  - b. How does this change the way we think about difficult moments of our lives?
5. What about this part of the story encapsulates the Christian life? Where might we find ourselves in Jonah's life?