

Jonah

When You're Waiting on God



Message Summary

Sometimes what we call a problem, God calls provision. God doesn't always give us what we want, but He'll always give us what we need. Hard times teach us new ways to depend on Him. God is still working in your life, so you can ask Him for help.

Key Scripture

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry."

Jonah 2:1-2 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Jonah 1:17 NIV
- James 5:13 NIV
- Jonah 2:3-10 NIV
- Matthew 12:39-40 NIV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Where did you stop running from God and start running to Him last week?
- What are your initial thoughts or feelings about prayer?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- When you have a problem in your life, how early do you typically start praying about it?
- Read **Jonah 2:1-2**. What does this Scripture show you about God's character? How does this make you feel about trusting in God?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Share about a time when you faced a hardship or difficulty. What did you learn about God through that experience?
- Talk about any ways you're currently waiting on God. In this waiting, what might God be trying to show you about, and how can you respond with prayer and praise?

Start Praying

Lord, thank You for Your faithful love. If there is anything You want to show us, or somewhere we need to change direction, please make it clear. Please help us to trust You, and to believe that You're working even in our waiting. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- It's time to pray! This week, find one way to make prayer a more regular part of your routine.
- Start the Bible Plan *Everyone Gets a Second Chance: Wisdom From the Story of Jonah* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/jonah
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.