

The Scandal of Grace

Jonah 2

Ice Breaker: Describe a time when someone gave you something or did something for you, and it inspired you to give something or do something for someone else?

BIG IDEA: The gift of God's grace is never meant to be just for me. It's meant to be shared with those who don't yet know the love and forgiveness of Christ.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Jonah 2:1-2. What emotional state does Jonah say he came to – before he called out to God? How did the Lord respond to Jonah's cry? Can you relate to this part of Jonah's story? How so?
- 2) Read Jonah 2:3-9. How far down does God let Jonah sink before rescuing him? Based on what you know about Jonah (from chapter 1) why do you think God allowed Jonah to sink so far down before rescuing him? Can you relate to hitting rock bottom before experiencing God's rescue? How so?
- 3) How do you think this experience of God's gracious rescue influenced Jonah to finally go to Nineveh (in chapter 3)? Can you relate to this part of Jonah's story? Describe a time in your life when God has rescued you – after which you became more motivated to follow Him and pass on His grace to others.
- 4) Pastor Joshua made the comment that God always saves us – not only to restore us to a right relationship with Himself – but for the purpose of passing something on to others who need it. Why did God save Jonah? Why has God saved you?
- 5) Who is someone in your life that needs the grace of God? Spend some time asking God to give you an opportunity to interact with these people in a way that reflects His heart for them – such that they would ultimately receive Christ for themselves.