

WHAT'S EATING JONAH?

Lesson Two • Jonah 2

"To Hell and Back Again!"

The "Missionary Problem" is a HEART problem:

Do I have a heart that fails to remember God's great concern for the lost?

What's Eating Jonah?

A heart that fails to remember God's great concern for the lost!

1. GOD DISCIPLINES HIS FORGETFUL DISCIPLE FOR HIS LACK OF CONCERN! (1:17-2:2)

God Disciplined Jonah to Remind Him that...

- God's great concern is reaching ALL PEOPLE not just people like us. (1:1-16)
- God's great concern is ETERNAL LIFE not eternal death. (1:17-2:2)

*Is this a whale of a tale? Just a religious fish story?
Matthew 12:39-41*

The Belly of the Fish Is...

A place of DISCIPLINE for running!
"because of my affliction"

A place of DELIVERANCE from drowning!
"out of the belly of Sheol"

2. GOD REMINDS HIS FORGETFUL DISCIPLE WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO GO TO HELL WITHOUT ANY HOPE OF SALVATION! (2:2-7)

- **The PICTURE of Death:** *Hell is real and there are no second chances after we die! (2:3-6; Hebrews 9:27)*
- **The PRAYER for Deliverance:** *Salvation is of the Lord! (2:1-2, 4, 7)*

- **The PURPOSE in Discipline:** *Remember God's great concern for the lost and repent of our lack of concern! (2:7-9)*

Jonah Remembers that God's Great Concern Is...

- 1) To seek and to save those who are lost!
- 2) To show His great mercy to all who are willing to repent of worthless idols and call on the name of the Lord to be saved!
- 3) To share the both the bad news and the good news that salvation is of the LORD by grace through faith!

3. GOD MOTIVATES HIS FORGETFUL DISCIPLES TO MAKE HIS GREAT CONCERN THEIR GREAT CONCERN! (2:8-10)

People Who Make God's Great Concern for the Lost Their Great Concern...

- Praise God FREQUENTLY as they remember the *loyal love* He has repeatedly shown them! (v. 7)
- Pray FERVENTLY that the *lost*, who trust in worthless idols will be reached! (v. 8)
- Give FAITHFULLY to the *LORD* with a heart of gratitude so others can be reached! (v. 9)
- Go FEARLESSLY to the *lost* with a simple, but life-changing message:

Bad News: Those regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy! (v. 8)

Good News: *Salvation Is of the Lord!* (vv. 9-10)



WHERE IS YOUR HEART THIS MORNING?

*In the belly of the great fish focused on your own problems?
or*

On dry land focused on God's great concern to save all people who call on His name to be saved?

START REMEMBERING HIS MERCY and MAKE HIS GREAT CONCERN FOR THE LOST YOUR GREAT CONCERN!