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JONAH: What's Eating Jonah?

Lesson Two • Jonah 1:17–2:10

To Hell and Back Again!

The "Missionary Problem" Is Always a <u>HEART</u> Problem!Does my heart fail to *remember* God's great concern for the lost?

What's Eating Jonah in Chapter 2?
A heart that fails to <u>REMEMBER</u> God's great concern for the lost!

Remembering the Lord's Great Concern

1. The LORD Disciplines Us for Our <u>LACK</u> of Concern.

The LORD's Discipline Reminds Us...

- ➤ His great concern is reaching **ALL PEOPLE**. (1:1-16)
- ➤ His 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 and a place of **DELIVERANCE** from drowning!

2. The LORD Reminds Us What It FEELS Like to Go to Hell.

To Hell and Back in the Belly of a Fish

> 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 belongs to the LORD!" 2:1-2, 4, 7, 9

The **PURPOSE** in discipline and deliverance.

Remember God's great concern and repent of our lack of concern! 2:7-9

Jonah Remembers God's Great Concern Is...

To seek and to save those who are lost.

To show His great mercy to all who repent.

To share the good news that salvation belongs to the LORD!

3. The LORD Motivates Us to MAKE His Great Concern Our Great Concern!

People Who Make God's Great Concern Their Concern

- PRAISE frequently remembering the LORD's loyal love. (v. 7)
- > PRAY *fervently* for the lost. (v. 8)
- ➤ **GIVE** *faithfully* to the LORD. (v. 9a)
- ➤ **GO** *fearlessly* with the gospel in love. (v. 9b-10)

Bad News: Trusting worthless idols forsakes your only Mercy!

Good News: Salvation belongs to the LORD!

Is Your Heart in the Fish's Belly Fish or on Dry Land?

Is it in the belly of the great fish focused on your own problems? Or on dry land focused on God's great concern to reach the lost?

Start Remembering the Mercy of the LORD!
Make His Great Concern for the Lost Your Great Concern!