

## The Lord and Jonah

We tend to concentrate on the adventure in the account of Jonah – the ship, the dramatic seas, and the whale is kind of a big thing! Are WE aware of what GOD is doing? God has called us to join Him in what he is doing, but as we see through Jonah, often we are self-absorbed.

### Interactive Questions #1:

- Which is harder for you, to know God's will, or follow it?
- Are you aware of something the Lord has impressed you to do, but you haven't?
- Can you recall the Lord using a circumstance to get your attention?

### Interactive Questions #2:

- Are there people you would consider enemies? Are there people groups you dislike?
- Has the Lord provided "plants" growing up over your head?
- Can you recount a time you have been unhappy or angry when the Lord did good?
- Is it typical for you to give your desires/feelings a higher place than God's desire?
- Have you considered alternatives to living the life God has given you?

### Summary:

- God is showing mercy to people (Mariners, Jonah, Ninevites)
- Jonah is holding on to his own agenda and feelings, low interest in what God desires!
- Jonah is me and you. Jonah is everyman.
- God patiently awaits – even helps us - to join him in what he is doing.

God is using satire in the account of Jonah – real-life hyperbole – to show us ourselves

- The pagan mariners obey God quickly and completely
- The pagan Ninevites repent to God immediately and completely
- All of nature responds at the whim of the Lord (wind, sea, whale, plant, worm)
- **But God's man has his own thing going on**

*"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15*

### Homework:

- Read through the book of Jonah (10 mins) one more time this week
- Ask God to reveal to you specifically how you can join him in what he is doing