



The Gospel According to Jonah: *Jonah's Hope*

Discussion Questions

Date: February 2, 2020 | **Scripture:** Jonah 1:17-2:10

1. Read Jonah 1:17-2:10, with particular attention to verse 8. What stands out to you?
2. What comes to your mind when you hear the word “idol”? How do you think our culture views idols?
3. How does the Bible define an idol? (See Exodus 20:3-6, Romans 1:25, or Colossians 3:5) How does having a biblical understanding of idols help us see them in our own lives?
4. Idols tempt us to turn away from the steadfast love of God. What are some of the empty promises that idols offer us? How are the promises of Christ better?
5. In order for us to overcome our idolatry, we have to name our idols. Do you know how to identify the idols in your life? What are some questions you can ask to help you see them?
6. Once we name our idols, we must confess them to God and one another. Why is it important to tell God about our idols? Do you have someone in your life with whom you can share your idols with, so that you can find victory over them?
7. After we confess our idols, we must replace them. What are some ways we can be more intentional this week about devoting time to Jesus instead of our idols?

Vain idols promise
everything but
ultimately deliver
nothing. However,
everything we long
for is already ours in
the gospel.