



# JONAH

## BENEATH THE SURFACE

**JESUS, JONAH, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING**

January 17, 2021

**WORSHIP**

Read Psalm 41 aloud. Reflect on how it relates to Jesus' command for us to love our neighbors.

**FELLOWSHIP**

What three words would you choose that will help shape your 2021?

## DISCUSSION

Read Jonah 1:1-16 together.

1. Pastor Mike mentioned that Jesus is the true and better Jonah. In what ways are they similar? Different? What makes Jesus the better Jonah?

2. Pastor Mike noted the theme of Jonah going down. Jonah goes DOWN to Joppa. Jonah goes DOWN below deck. Jonah goes DOWN for a deep sleep, and eventually Jonah will be pulled DOWN by a fish.

-What does this suggest about Jonah's sin?

-When have you felt the weight and downward pull of sin? What helped you to be relieved from that weight?

3. What do you notice about the captain and sailor's responses to the storm? How does this compare to Jonah's response?

4. Pastor Mike highlighted that in Jonah's two interactions with pagans, he dismissed them, even though their actions were more noble than his.

-As the church, how can we do a better job of relating to people who are different than us (politically, religiously, socio-economically)?

-Is there someone in your life who you could be sharing the gospel with but have dismissed?

5. Christ Church has a vision to "Reach People and Renew Communities." This includes loving people both inside and outside of the church.

-Who do you have a harder time loving? Why?

-What's one thing you could do this week to be more loving towards them?

## PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?