

## Death & Resurrection

Jonah 1:4-12, Matthew 8:23-25

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### WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. What is something on your bucket list? How would you feel if you found out you couldn't accomplish it anymore?
2. If you were asked to identify a few characteristics that define you, what would these be?
3. What are some of the ways one can "hear" God? Which ones have you experienced?

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Read the above passages. In what ways are the stories of Jonah and Jesus similar? How are they different?
2. How might the fish that swallowed Jonah be a gift of grace from God?
3. How was God's display of power to the sailors an act of grace? Was their reaction (making vows) something that God would honor?
4. Pastor Nate presented this thought: "When God called Jonah to do something he didn't want to do, his response revealed who he really was." What do we learn about Jonah in this passage?

### APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Think back to experiences where you were reluctant to follow what you felt was God calling you to do. What have you subsequently learned from them?
2. Pastor Nate proposed, "Unless we put to death our understanding of who we are, we cannot experience resurrection." What does this mean? How do you see this applying to you in your current life situation?
3. There are always going to be things that we don't want to do, even if we are called to them. How can we follow through with them without incurring the unhealthy aspects of obedience?