

Man Overboard!

Jonah 1:11-17

We are to respond to God's discipline with repentance because He pursues His disobedient children.

Jonah's conclusion, 1:11-12

When you'd rather die than do God's will

The sailors' compassion, 1:13,14

When you are put to shame by non-Christians

The sailors' conversion, 1:15,16

When God uses you in spite of yourself

God's sovereign compassion, 1:17

When God saves you in spite of yourself

Tabletalk Questions

For 8-8-10 sermon

"Man Overboard!" Jonah 1:11-17

God can still use miraculous methods to get our attention (1:4). Why doesn't He do it more often today? What kind of Christians do you think that would produce?

Why do you think Jonah asked the sailors to throw him overboard (1:12)? If you have ever considered your situation hopeless, how did (or can) the Lord change your perspective?

How would you answer someone who says that nonbelievers are often more compassionate than believers (1:13)? How was this "a wakeup call" to Jonah? How should it also wake us up?

In what sense were the sailors saved (1:10,14-16)? What do we learn about God's character from His sending the fish to rescue Jonah (1:17; 4:2,11)?

How is Jesus like Jonah (Matt. 4:17; 12:38-41)? How is He unlike Jonah (Matt.9:36; John 5:30; 6:38; Heb.10:7)? How does "the sign of Jonah" relate to our future hope?