

March 17, 2019
Jonah 1:17-2:10

A Song from a Fish

God and the great fish – a narrative frame **1:17**
Matthew 12:20

A song from a fish **2:1-9**

Introduction 2

Description of Past Distress 3-6a

“You hurled me...your waves and breakers”

“I have been banished from your sight”

“I will look again toward your holy temple”

“To the roots of the mountains I sank down”

Rescue Provided by God 6b

Appeal to God for help 7

Vow of Praise 8-9

(Is a praise psalm out of place?)

God and the great fish - a narrative frame 2:10

Questions for Discussion

1. Describe how God's relentless love pursues a person to bring them to himself? How far would God go to save a person? (Hint: think of Calvary).
2. (Read Psalm 139) When we consider that we cannot escape God's sight, does this comfort you or make you uneasy? why? How did the writer of Psalm 139 feel about it?
3. Are we actively fulfilling God's instructions to us about being witnesses for him or have we sidestepped that responsibility? What would God have to do to get us to obey?
4. Who do you know that needs God's mercy? Who has God sent to tell them? (Hint: you see them in the mirror)