

## **STUDY GUIDE: ESCAPE**

### **“Jonah’s Prayer” (Jonah 2:1-10)**

#### **Discussion Starters**

1. Have you ever felt you were drive away from God? What happened?
2. How easily do you pray during such times?

**Study:** Read the second chapter of Jonah in preparation for the following questions in at least two translations (not a paraphrase).

3. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms, and note how understanding this term helps you understand the passage.

--“God” (2:1)—

--“distress” (2:1)—

--“the pit” (2:6)—

--“LORD” (2:6)—

--“I” (2:7)—

--“fainting” (2:7)—

--“faithfulness” (2:8)—

4. Why is this passage written in lyrical form?

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5. Read Jonah’s prayer and list everything Jonah expressed to God (feelings, facts, desires, intentions, etc.).
  
6. What is “Sheol”?
  
7. What is the significance of Jonah using “Yahweh” instead of “Lord”?
  
8. Is it acceptable for us to use the name “Yahweh” instead of “Lord”? Why/why not?

**Taking It Home** (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

9. Have you ever prayed a prayer like Jonah’s? Describe the situation and the outcome.
  
10. Do you pray to the “Lord” or to “Yahweh”? What is the difference?
  
11. Most people don’t literally worship idols today. What “idolatry” are we in danger of?