

**Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group**



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“Reversal” - #2 in series *The Gospel, B.C.*

Texts Referenced (NIV): Jonah 2: 1-10, Matthew 12: 40-41

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Plot twists or reversals that alter expected outcomes have characterized some of the most engaging stories, movies, and sporting events.
 - Have you experienced a reversal of plan that altered your intended outcome?
 - What did you learn from that experience?

3. **Read Jonah 1: 1-6, 15-17.**

Whether true or allegory, Jonah's story teaches us what can happen when we “run away from the Lord.”

 - Have you ever been aware that God wanted you to do something, and your initial reaction was to “run away”?
 - What can we learn from Jonah’s decision to flee from God?

4. **Read Jonah 2: 1-3, 7-10.**
 - Why does it sometimes take extreme circumstances to bring us face-to-face with our failings and/or an understanding of God’s wisdom and care for us?
 - What has been your “belly-of-the-fish” experience?
 - How was the fish vomiting Jonah onto dry land, an example of reversal?

5. **Read Matthew 12: 40-41.**
 - Why do you think Jesus chose to share the story of Jonah in response to those asking him for “a sign”?
 - How does the story of Jonah inform your understanding of the connection(s) between the Old and New Testaments?

6. How can we pray for you?