

# BREAKOUT

## LEARNING FROM JONAH FOR LIFE AFTER LOCKDOWN



### Jonah Week 5 || How can we be revived?

Read: Matthew 12.38-45

Watch: the talk on Church at Home 12th July episode. This is available on our youtube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLQRBOtXrKOk4MWNthHOB-w>

The call of Jesus is to follow him. If we respond to that call then it follows that the way we view God, as revealed through scripture, will impact the manner in which we live life and our world-view and values in a deep way. That is why studying the bible and asking the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to the character of God that is beautifully described there is so important - if indeed we are to be disciples of Jesus. But this is something that we must keep coming back to time and time again because our view of God takes knocks along the way and gets distorted. For example, how many Christians let alone people think that God is out to get them? But what if he really was in the business of constantly trying to revive us and give us abundant life?

In the talk I mentioned Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.' How many of us believe at our core that this is the case: God as Shepherd = we lack NOTHING! And when I say at our core, how many of us take God at his word and, in faith, trust that God desires that our cup will be full in all circumstances. ALL circumstances.

## Questions for discussion and reflection.

- Does your world view account for the goodness of God?
- What does this look like in practice in your life? In you work, family, how you use your resources like time and money?
- What really holds you back from fully surrendering to God?
- What are your reflection on the passage from Matthew 12.38-45?
- How could repentance, praise and God's presence bring God's abundance to someone?

## Prayer

Father God, I thank you that your love for me is eternal. I thank you that it is in your character to bring new life to me when I surrender to you. Would you revive my mind, body and soul. Show me how to turn back to you in repentance, to live a life that praises you continually in all circumstances, and please would you fill me with your Holy Spirit so that I may experience the life without lack that you have promised. In Jesus name, Amen.

