



## The Sign of Jonah

- What stood out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: Is there anyone or any family that you dread/avoid seeing during the holidays?
  - What is it about them that makes it this way?
  - How do you normally deal with it when you're together with them?
  - Are you able to remain cordial with them or is there tension?
  - How do you wish the scenario was different?
- Read Luke 11:29-32
  - What do you know about the story of Jonah?
  - Flip your bibles over to the book of Jonah. It isn't a long book. Skim through and make a basic timeline of the narrative as a group.
  - How did Jonah's encounter with the big fish change his life?
  - What signs of obedience did Jonah exhibit after spending 3 days inside the big fish?
  - In chapter 4 we see that though Jonah was obedient to God, he wasn't always happy with God. A life of obedience doesn't necessarily mean you accept everything without question. What areas of your life are you struggling with in being obedient to God?
- Considering the timeline you just made... What would you say is "the sign of Jonah" that Jesus is referencing?
  - What are some ways the Jesus is like Jonah and what are some ways that they are different?
  - Why do you think that Jesus twice referenced the work of Jonah as a sign pointing to Him?

*Jesus is a figure who embraces the radically broad love envisaged in the book of Jonah—a love that includes the salvation of Jews and Gentiles. Jesus compares his ministry to that of Jonah: For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.*

- How is Christmas representative of the "Sign of Jonah"?
- How are you reflecting the "Sign of Jonah" in your day to day lives?
- Pray