



The Gospel According to Jonah

Discussion Questions

Date: March 1, 2020 | Scripture: Jonah 1-4

1. As we have walked through the book of Jonah, what has God been teaching you?
2. One prominent theme we learn about God in Jonah is God's sovereignty, both in what he commands (1:1; 2:10; 3:1) and what he appoints (1:17; 4:6-8). How has the truth about God's sovereignty challenged you or brought you comfort or perspective?
3. The theme of Idolatry is also important in Jonah (2:8). What would you say were some of Jonah's idols? How has God been revealing your idols to you, and what has been your response when those things come to the surface?
4. The Lord's compassion also runs throughout Jonah (4:10-11). How has God been trying to draw you near and keep you near to him? Has seeing Christ in Jonah made you more compassionate towards other people? In what way?
5. Repentance is another important theme (1:16; 2:9; 3:6-10). Why is it easy to settle for false repentance (such as dismissing our sin or letting guilt drive us to despair or penance) instead of pursuing genuine repentance (which is turning from self to Savior)? How does joy in the gospel transform our repentance?
6. Read Jonah 4:11. The book of Jonah teaches us that we are not only saved, but saved for a purpose. What would it look like for you to better love your neighborhood and city? What are some barriers that are keeping you from loving it more, and how can you commit to becoming more active in God's mission for the city?