



Jonah wk2: We're All in the Same Storm

Introduction: Jonah is more than a fish story. It reflects a rebellious prophet, God's love for him and the lengths He'll go to bring people to Him.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you have any good fish stories? Why do so many people like to tell them?
2. In your own words, how do you describe grace? Why can grace be difficult to receive? Why is it also difficult to give at times?
3. Read **Jonah 1:13-17** What do you think about the sailors praying for forgiveness before they do what they are about to do? Is there a difference between them and the way we sometimes pray for forgiveness but continue to do what we want to do?
4. What do you think about the way the text says, "God provided" a fish? Can you think of a time in your life where something looked terrible, but that terrible thing is what God used for your eventual good?
5. In the sermon, it was talked about being in the same storm – referring to sin. How does that seem true? Where does it maybe break down? Do we see our sin the same as someone else's? Should we?
6. Read **Jonah 2:1-10** What do you notice about Jonah's prayer? Does he repent? Does his opinion change on the people he is supposed to go to? What do our prayers say about us?
7. Read Matthew 12:39-41 Why do you think Jesus references Jonah?

Shaping Your Mind –*For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matthew 12:40*

Moving Forward – Don't get so lost in the fish story that you miss the point about grace!