



Discussion Questions

Jonah, Part 1

Introduction

- Did anything from the sermon stand out to you?
- How did the Spirit identify something specific in your life?

Q1 Why did Jonah not want to go to Nineveh?

- Pastor Andrew offered a couple possible reasons... briefly discuss.
- Are there any other possible reasons?
- Was Jonah suicidal?
- If you were Jonah, what would your reasons be?

Q2 Does Jonah repent in the belly of the fish?

- Does God use someone else when we disobey? Why or why not?
- Do we have to repent in order for God to give us a second chance? Why or why not?
- Have a look at his prayer and read the following references. Highlight any similarities. Where do Jonah's words come from and why does it matter?
 - Ps 3:8; 5:7; 18:4-7, 15; 30:2-3; 31:6, 22; 34:4-6; 42:7; 50:14, 23; 69:1-2; 88:5-8; 120:1; 142:3.

Q3 How do believers remain 'righteous' and yet avoid God's call?

- How have you seen this play out in the Church?
- Have experienced this yourself?

Conclusion

- What is God calling you to do?
- Pray together.



Jonah's Prayer

Jonah 2

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
and you heard my voice.

³For you cast me into the deep,
into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows
passed over me.

⁴Then I said, 'I am driven away
from your sight;
yet I shall again look
upon your holy temple.'

⁵The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head

⁶ at the roots of the mountains.

I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the pit,
O LORD my God.

⁷When my life was fainting away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
into your holy temple.

⁸Those who pay regard to vain idols
forsake their hope of steadfast love.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving
will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!"