

Bible Study
Jonah 1:17 - 2:10

Opening Questions:

1. What kinds of things keep you from praying?
2. For whom is prayer more important: God or us?
3. When have you experienced real transformation in prayer?
4. What desperate situation has God used in your life that to personal and ministerial benefit?

Read Jonah 1:17-2:10

1. Read Matthew 12:39-40. What does this tell us about V17?
 - (a) What does V17, 3, 6 tell us about God?
2. How does Jonah describe his situation at sea?
 - (a) How dire is it?
3. What is at the heart of Jonah's cry for help? Is it just that he faces death or is there a bigger implication?
4. To whom does Jonah direct his cry?
 - (a) Where does he offer this prayer from?
 - (b) What do you learn about prayer from V1
 - (c) What does the sacrifice of praise (v9) mean to us as Christians ?
(Hebrews 13: 15 - 16, Acts 16: 23 - 26)

5. Why is it only the Lord who can satisfy Jonah's request (V8 & 9)?

6. Why is it so important that we understand both our need for forgiveness and the immense breadth of God's love?
 - (a) What happens if you deny either of these aspects?

 - (b) How can we help people better understand these two things?

 - (c) What does Jonah mean 'salvation belongs to the Lord'? V9

7. What is the definition of grace?
 - (a) How is it both unmerited and unobligated?

8. How might growing in grace enable us to be more obedient?

Additional reading: Matthew 3:1-3, Isaiah 59:1-2, John 15:4-8, James 4:1-3, psalm 142, Hebrew's 4:14-16,

Personal Reflection:

1. When has God provided waves of mercy and grace in your life?
2. How might we show grace in the places we visit, work, study, or play everyday?
3. What can you take away and apply from this chapter?