

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Jonah 1:17-2:10

Ice Breaker: Would you rather eat raw sushi for three days or not eat for three days?

Ice Breaker: What is an evidence of God's grace you've seen in your life this week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What happened in Jonah 1:1-16 that we need to remember before we understand this passage?
2. How does God display his command over creation and his prophet in this passage? How might God's power and sovereignty give us comfort in times of suffering and in our own rebellion?
3. What does Jonah's prayer reveal about His understanding of God? Why is Jonah confident that he shall look again upon the Lord's holy temple? (vs. 4)
4. What do our prayers reveal about our own faith and what we believe?
5. Jonah is considered a divinely inspired, true satire. Is there anything satirical about Jonah's prayer that is instructive for us?
6. In verse 8, Jonah mentions vain idols. What are some idols that our culture vainly seeks after? In the church culture? How does "acceptable" idolatry today keep us from God? Passages to consider: Psalm 115:1-8 & Is. 42:8
7. Read Matthew 12:38-41. How does this section of the narrative of Jonah point forward to Jesus?
8. What do you think is the main point of this passage? How do you think the Lord desires you to apply it to your life today?