



This week's ice breaker question:

What's something you are looking forward to once the fall weather gets here?

Series Questions:

1. What is God revealing to you in the Jonah series?
2. What are you doing about it?
3. How is it changing your life?

Sermon Specific Questions:

1. The setting of chapter 2 is Jonah inside the fish. Have you ever experienced a dark and difficult, unknown season of life? What was your initial reaction? Looking back on it, what did you learn from that experience?
2. Because of Jonah's rebellion towards God in chapter 1, we see that he sinks to great depths and consequently is swallowed by a great fish (Jonah 1:17). Yet, his life is spared in chapter 2. When the consequences to our actions catch up to us, how can we still keep the right perspective about God's love for us?
3. Jonah chapter 2 is recognized by many Bible scholars as a psalm of thanksgiving. Why is thankfulness not always our first instinct or response when we are experiencing the consequences to our actions/attitudes? How can we become people who respond with thanksgiving more frequently when we face hardships?
4. Jonah 2:2 is very similar in wording to Psalm 118:5 and Psalm 120:1, which means that Jonah most likely recalled other scriptures during his time of trouble. What are some passages of scripture that you often lean on when going through a difficult season?
5. Read Jonah 2:1-6. In what ways do these verses portray the words of Paul in Ephesians 2:4-5, relating to your salvation experience? What do these passages teach us about God's love and grace?
6. We see in chapter 2 multiple references of how deep Jonah sinks, experiencing a depth of separation and nearness to death because of his rebellion towards God. Yet, we see that his life is saved as he calls out to God. Who can you encourage this week with this passage, reminding them of that great lengths God will go to rescue and save those that are far from Him?