

JONAH

TEXT: JONAH 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Amazon Wish List** – As our building is being completed, we have an Amazon Wish List with some items to help outfit the rooms. Please visit www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps for more info. We are also accepting certain gently used items. Contact the church office for more info.
- **Celebrate Life Banquet** - for the Your Choice Resource Center, Februray, 28, 7pm at Englewood Baptist Church. Contact Daniel Tripp if you'd like to attend.
- **Financial Plan Affirmation** – A covenant member meeting will be held February 27 at 6:30pm at FCS to affirm our 2019 financial plan. A meal and childcare will be provided. Plan to attend!

LEADING OFF...

1. Have you ever looked back on a situation and couldn't believe it actually happened to you?
2. Why do you think we are often surprisingly shocked when we experience consequences for our sin?

BIG IDEA: Jesus died for His enemies.

Read Jonah 1:17

3. Was the big fish judgment or grace? Is this punishment or kindness? Why do you think?
4. Talk about how God's discipline actually shows us His kindness as a loving Father?

Read Matthew 12:38-41

5. What is the context of Jesus' statement and what were the implications?

Read Jonah 2:1-2

6. What is the significance of 3 days and nights in the belly of the fish?
7. Why do we tend to wait until things get really bad before we call out for help, either to God or to others?
8. What lessons does this to teach us about hiding our sin, not repenting, and not seeking help?
9. Do you find it outrageous that God would hear the cry of rebellious, disobedient Jonah? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 27:45-50

10. Why is it helpful to be reminded of the terror of the cross?
11. Why did God the Father ignore the cries of God the Son?

Read Jonah 2:3-9

12. Discuss Jonah's prayer. Does it sound like a humble repentant prayer, or one of a pious, religious pagan?
13. What are evidences that a person is truly in Christ, and not just wrapped up in religiosity?
14. Many tend to get wrapped up in debates about whether or not Jonah really was swallowed by a big fish. What should be the bigger question?
15. What do verses 8-9 reveal about Jonah's heart?

16. It seems clear Jonah doesn't repent, he's just sorry. What is the difference between true repentance and mere sorrow? Discuss the differences.

WRAPPING UP...

17. Making this personal, we must each ask, "*what idols do I have in my heart I keep running back to?*"

18. Spend time as a group in prayer, repenting of sin.