



## ***Message Devotional & Discussion Questions***

**11/19/2023**

**SERIES:** Jesus Story: Minor Prophets

**WEEK:** 2

**MESSAGE:** Jonah

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**CHECKING IN:** How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's devotional & discussion?

**QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS:** These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. What foods do you put ketchup on? Which foods should you never put Ketchup on?
2. What do you remember most about learning how to swim? Was it a pleasant experience? Did you continue to swim? What are your feelings about fish?
3. Read Jonah 1:1-3. Verses 1-3 describe Jonah's disobedience. What are some common factors that cause people to reject God's commands? When has God used difficult circumstances to get your attention?
4. Look at Jonah 1:10-17. What role does fear play in our spiritual lives?
5. Read Jonah 2:1-9 and Psalm 30. Where do you see connections between David's expression of praise and worship of that psalm and Jonah's prayer? What can we learn from these chapters about the practice of prayer?
6. What are some of the main ways you have grown or matured as a follower of Jesus? Is there a Scripture that has kept you moving forward in your faith?
7. What is God asking you to do or a place to go that you are hesitant about? Why do you think this is a challenge?
8. What parts of the story of Jonah do you have questions about? Which parts do you relate to?
9. How do you define forgiveness? Can you forgive but not forget? How do you know that you have truly forgiven someone? Who is someone you need to forgive?
10. Pray out loud for your city or community. Confess the sins you know of, and ask for forgiveness and mercy on behalf of your neighbors, co-workers and businesses. Ask God to fill your city with His Spirit so that people will experience His conviction, His presence.
11. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

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**WANT TO GROW DEEPER?** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the App.



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### **GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:**

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

**Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**