



Faith Community Church
Sovereign Supplication

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Ask God for wisdom and open hearts as we seek to deepen our communication with Him.

Key Takeaways:

1. Prayer is not just for emergencies but should be a constant practice in our lives.
2. God sometimes uses difficult circumstances to draw us back to Him.
3. Praying Scripture is a powerful way to align our hearts and prayers with God's will.
4. Salvation belongs to the Lord - our God saves.

Discussion Questions:

1. Did you discover any areas where you are “sleeping”? What steps did you take to “wake up?” (And drinking extra coffee doesn’t count!)
2. The sermon mentioned that Jonah only prayed when he was in extreme distress. How does this compare to your own prayer life? Do you have a consistent prayer life or do you tend to wait until you get into times of trouble? (Luke 18:1-8)
3. Do you ever avoid prayer because you think things are too bad or you’ve strayed too far? Pastor Tim says, "It's better to pray compelled by any motive than not to pray at all." How might this concept change your approach to prayer? (Read Ps 61:2 NKJV and Jonah 2)
4. Jonah's prayer was filled with Scripture references. What are the benefits of this practice? What are some situations and Scriptures you could match up? (Some starters: Ephesians 3:14-19, Philippians 1:9-11, Colossians 1:9-12)

5. The sermon highlights how sin often looks good in prospect but not in retrospect. Can you share an experience where you've found this to be true? (Psalm 73:1-20)

6. Discuss the phrase "but God" from the sermon. How have you seen God intervene in seemingly hopeless situations in your life or the lives of others? (Ephesians 5:1-5)

7. The sermon concludes with the statement "Salvation belongs to the Lord." How does this truth impact your daily life and your view of evangelism? (Psalm 3, John 6:44)

Practical Applications:

1. This week, practice praying the Scriptures you found in #4. Choose a Scripture for yourself and start praying it at least weekly. (One idea is to pray 1 Chronicles 4:10 and then watch what God does.) Consider starting a prayer journal.

2. Reflect on areas in your life where you might be "running from God" like Jonah. Find specific Scriptures for those areas and commit to turning to God in prayer (instead of running).

3. Practice looking for "but God" moments in your daily life - times when God intervenes or changes a situation unexpectedly. Be ready to share next week!

4. Make a commitment to pray daily (or multiple times a day). Consider setting an alarm or reminder to prompt you to go to God often and regularly. Another way is to pray the moment someone mentions a need (don't wait). Pray WITH THEM if you can.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for His sovereign control over our lives and His desire to draw us closer to Him. Ask for His help in developing a more consistent, Scripture-based prayer life.