

Key Text: Jonah 2:1-10

Jonah praises God for His deliverance (1-2)

Shared Truth #1 -God hears _____.

Jonah describes his troubles, his cry to God, and God's faithful answer (3-7)

Shared Truth #2 – God can deliver us from the _____.

Jonah declares his commitment to God (8-9)

Shared Truth #3 – Idols can't replace Gods _____.

Shared Truth #4 – Repentance _____ in our walk with the Lord.

Marks of Jonah's Repentance:

- * Jonah _____ of the LORD, and he was honest about his sin and rebellion, no longer covering it up (Jonah 1:9).
- * Jonah _____ to be cast into the sea (Jonah 1:12).
- * Jonah began to pray; he _____ during the three days and three nights in the belly of the fish (Jonah 2:2, 2:4, and 2:7).
- * Jonah had a new _____ (Jonah 2:9).
- * Jonah _____ to his vow (Jonah 2:9).
- * Jonah _____ to God in all of this (Jonah 2:9).

Jonah is expelled from the fish (10)

Shared Truth #5 – Jesus is the _____.

Work on putting to memory Luke 11:30(ESV)- For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

Read Jonah 2:1-10 and answer the following questions.

Verses 1-3

- * From where does Jonah issue this prayer? What does this tell us about how God answered Jonah's call of distress?
- * How does Jonah say he reacted to the hopeless condition of being thrown overboard? How does Jonah's reaction remind us of the Lord's purpose for the storm?
- * Jonah says that he cried to the Lord "out of the belly of Sheol". What is Sheol (1 Samuel 2:6, Psalm 6:5, 49:14, 30:3)? What is he communicating here?
- * To whom does Jonah attribute his plight? Who sent the wind and the waves that caused Jonah's distress? What does this teach us about his theology (Jonah 1:9. Daniel 4:34-35, Isaiah 46:9-10)?

Verses 4-6

- * Jonah says in verse 4 that he was driven away from the Lord's sight. Does this mean that he accomplished what he set out to do in Jonah 1:3 (Psalm 139:7-12)? If not, what is Jonah communicating? Despite his estate, Jonah has hope. What is the cause for his hope (see verses 2 & 6)?
- * According to verse 4, what does Jonah hope to do? What is the significance of the temple? What does this tell us about what Jonah will do? What is Jonah describing in verses 5 & 6? How does he speak of his estate before the Lord's deliverance? What does this communicate about Jonah's understanding of his position? How does the Lord respond to Jonah's helpless estate?

Verses 7-10

- * When did Jonah remember the Lord? What does this communicate about his heart in chapter one (see verses 3, 5, 12)? - What does Jonah mean by "I remembered the Lord" (Genesis 8:1, 30:22-23, Hebrews 2:6)? Is he saying that he had forgotten God (Jonah 1:9)?
- * For a brief moment, Jonah turns his attention outside of his condition in verse 8. What does he communicate here and how does it relate to him? How did the Lord show Jonah steadfast love? - How does Jonah respond to the Lord's deliverance in verse 9?
- * What is the sacrifice and vow that Jonah speaks about here (Psalm 116:17-19, Leviticus 7:11-15)? How do we see Jonah's heart and hands at work in his response to the Lord's deliverance?
- * How do we see the Lord's deliverance continued in this verse? Why did the fish vomit Jonah up? Once again, what is this reminding us of? - Oftentimes a large source of discussion when reading Jonah is God's use of the fish to deliver Jonah. How would you explain the events of Jonah 1 & 2 to someone who couldn't believe that a man could live inside a fish for three days (Genesis 1:1-3, 20-23, Job 39, Psalm 104)?