

Questions from the Sermon

April 11, 2021

1. Growing up, were you a child who tended to be obedient to what your parents told you to do, or were you more likely to disobey?
2. What was one chore you just really didn't want to do growing up? What did you do to try to get out of it?
3. If you grew up in Sunday school, what do you remember most about the story of Jonah?
 - Were you like Pastor Curt and get the story of Pinocchio mixed up with the story of Jonah?
 - Did you believe growing up the story of Jonah was true? How about now?
 - What would you say to someone who told you they believed the story of Jonah is just an allegory not a true story?

READ...JONAH 1:1-3

4. What does verse 1 tell us about Jonah?
 - How do we know Jonah was a prophet? (Read 2 Kings 14:23-26)
5. What about Jonah's response makes it surprising he's a prophet?
 - What does it say to us that God chose to use a man like Jonah for such a special calling?
6. Why do you think Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah?
7. Does anyone know what made God's calling for Jonah so unique?
 - (hint – it has to do with God 'sending' Jonah to another country)
8. What do you believe was the main reason Jonah didn't want to go to Ninevah?
 - Do you believe that this same reason could be what holds many of us back from sharing the Gospel with certain groups or certain people?
9. Do you think Jonah believed he could flee God's presence?
 - Why do you think he tried? What do you think Jonah hoped would happen?
10. Have you ever tried to flee from God's presence? Or at least tried to find a way NOT to do what you sense God is calling you to do?
 - When we do that, knowing we can't actually go anywhere He isn't there, what are we hoping will happen?

READ...MATTHEW 12:39-42

11. How do these verses help us to be confident in the truth of Jonah's story?
-Does this make Jonah's story that much more impactful for you?