

## Questions from the Sermon

April 18, 2021

1. If you could choose the type of storm you had to face, what would you choose? Why?
2. Have you ever experienced a storm that truly frightened you?  
-Describe the storm and what helped you feel safe or who helped you feel safe
3. Does knowing God is the creator & controller of all things, including weather, help you feel more at peace during a storm?
4. How does it make you feel to think that God creates storms, so He has either caused or allowed a storm to happen?

### READ...JONAH 1:4-17

5. In verse 5, it says the mariners or sailors were frightened, and called out to their gods. Why do you think during moments of fear, people so often turn to a god, or God, who they often don't even think about any other time?  
  
-Is this a sign of faith, or something else?
6. During this time, Jonah was asleep in the lower deck. Why do you think Jonah was able to sleep during this storm?  
  
-What do you think this says about Jonah's view and attitude about God?
7. When the mariner's hear in verse 9 who Jonah's God is, why do you think they responded so fearfully in verse 10?
8. In verse 11, the sailor's response to Jonah shows who is most important to them. In what circumstances have you seen this same response from people?
9. Jonah then gives his answer for how they can stop this storm...  
  
-What does this tell us about Jonah's view of who is causing the storm?  
  
-Why do you think Jonah gave this as the answer?  
  
-What other answers do you think Jonah could have chosen to give to try to stop the storm?

### READ...1 SAMUEL 15:22....PROVERBS 21:3

10. Describe what these verses mean to you, and how they might fit with the actions of Jonah

11. Seeing the response of the sailors, what verse(s) come to mind for you?  
(*hint...see Romans 8:28 & 2 Corinthians 12:9-10*)

-How do these verses apply to Jonah, and often to us?

12. How does what happens in verse 17 encourage you or bring comfort to you during fearful or trying times?