

A Study of Jonah – Week 4

Week 4: God's salvation of Jonah and Jonah's faith in God.

Day 1- Overview - Read Jonah 2:1-10

1. Name some things Jonah did in this chapter.
2. Name some things the Lord did in this chapter.
3. What do you learn from the progression of Jonah's prayer?
4. How might Jonah's prayer influence your prayers?

Application: How often do you plan to pray today: none, once, throughout the day, tonight? Explain your answer to yourself.

Day 2 – The call of the soul - Jonah's *emotion*. Read 2:1-3

1. Identify at least three ways Jonah expressed his faith in these verses.
2. Use a dictionary and write the definition for the word "emotion":
3. What emotion(s) do you see expressed by Jonah in these verses?
4. Jonah's situation obviously caused his emotions to soar. What emotions lead you to pray?

Application: Prayer is simply talking with God. What might you talk to God about today? What might you talk about throughout the day?

Day 3 – *Emotion* leads to using the mind - Jonah's *knowledge*. Read 2:2-4

1. The *object* of our faith today is Jesus Christ. The first element of faith rests upon *knowledge*, not feelings, opinions, or pious ignorance. In Jonah's day the *object* of their faith was God. Where do you think Jonah gained his *knowledge* to support his faith (see Ps. 18:6; 86:6; 120:1)?
2. What is the object of your faith? Why?
3. Where do you seek *knowledge* to exercise your mind for growth and supporting your faith?
4. If someone were to ask you, "On what do you base your faith?" how would you answer them?

Application: Think about ways you can exhibit your *knowledge* and faith to others today?

Day 4 – Applying *knowledge* - Jonah's *belief*. – Read 2:5-7

1. What *belief* does Jonah exhibit in these verses?

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2. It is possible for a person to have the *knowledge* and *believe*, yet without the *knowledge* or *belief* becoming personal. **Read James 2:19**. Do you believe Jonah's *knowledge* and *belief* were personal? Explain.

3. How has your *knowledge* and *belief* become personal to you? Give some examples.

4. Even when Jonah seemed to be dying, what did he do? How does this demonstrate that his *knowledge* and *belief* were personal?

5. How do these verses encourage you?

Application: What might you do today to make your *knowledge* and *belief* more personal?

Day 5 – Applying *belief* by doing - Jonah's *commitment*. – Read 2:8-10

1. How would you describe Jonah's *commitment* to the Lord from these verses?

2. An example of a change in *commitment* can be seen in **John 20:26-28**. How would you describe your *commitment* to the Lord? Give some examples demonstrating that

3. Give some examples demonstrating the *commitment*. What is God calling you to do right now?

4. What happens to those who cling to worthless idols? How might Jonah's words affect you?

5. Where do you see God's grace in these verses? How have you experienced God's grace recently?

Application: *Commitment* to our faith often requires us to rethink our *faith*. That is not a bad thing, but a rather good thing. How willing are you rethink your *faith* today? Take time at the end of the day and write down the results: