

LifeGroup Questions

Based On: Jonah 2

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Overview

Read all of Jonah 2. If we went directly from Jonah 1 to Jonah 3 we wouldn't see a change in heart from Jonah. Jonah 1 ends with him thrown into the sea and swallowed by a fish. Jonah 3 begins with the word of the Lord coming to him for a second time, only this time he obeys. The prayer in Jonah 2 shows a change in heart. In Jonah 2:3 he recognizes the sovereignty of God. Jonah might have made a lot of bad decisions leading to his current circumstance, but God was ultimately in control. Jonah 2:4 shows that he still has hope. Even from the belly of a fish Jonah believed he would one day pray again toward the temple.

In Jonah 2:5-6 he continues to describe his dire situation. No one on earth was going to get him out of this situation except for God. Jonah 2:7 is the beginning of repentance. As his life is fading away he remembers his relationship with God. In Jonah 2:8 he points out the worthless nature of pursuing gods. In Jonah 2:9 he recommits himself to following the one and true God. It was only after this that he gets spit out of the fish onto dry ground.

Bible Study: Jonah 2

1. Do you find it challenging to pray during difficult life circumstances? Why or why not?
2. What is the difference between recognizing God's sovereignty and blaming God for your current circumstances?
3. Why is it good to pray to God about what you are going through even though He already knows? How does prayer affect your perspective?
4. Why do you think Jonah had to reach such an extreme circumstance before turning back to God? Have you ever had to reach rock bottom before repenting?
5. Jonah gets put back on dry ground after repenting. What is there in your life you need to repent of to get back into a right standing with God?