

Questions from the Sermon

April 25, 2021

1. Growing up, did your parents teach you to pray for the food and do prayers before you went to bed?

-What prayer do you remember learning first?

-If you have kids, did you choose to teach them to pray, and if so, did you teach them the same or different prayers than you learned growing up?

2. Do you think learning 'formula' type prayers, where you say the same thing each time, is good, or do you think we should only pray different prayers each time?

-What could be the benefit of learning 'formula' prayers?

READ...JONAH 1:17-2:10

3. Does knowing that Jonah is praying the Psalms in this prayer make it feel more or less meaningful to you, or does it matter?

4. Jonah says that it was in his distress and at his lowest point that he cried out to God. Why do you think this is so common for many of us?

-We know God is there for us at all time, why do you think we often wait until we find ourselves in distress or going through a difficult trial?

5. Jonah references God in His Holy Temple in both verses 4 & 7

-What do you believe Jonah is meaning by these references?

-Where is God's temple today? (Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

-What do verses 4 & 7 mean to us today in light of this?

6. If you were to just read verse 9 only of Jonah, how would you describe Jonah?

-How does this compare the how you would describe in Jonah in chapter 1?

-What has changed, and why do you believe Jonah has changed so much?

7. What do you believe Jonah meant in verse 9 when he said "Salvation belongs to the Lord"?

-How does what happens in verse 10 prove this?

8. Of the 5 different focuses in Jonah's prayer that Pastor Curt mentioned in his message...

- Crying out in distress
- Accepting God's Discipline
- Thanksgiving
- Repentance
- Re-commitment

-Which of these do you find the easiest to do?

-Which do you find the most difficult?

9. What part of Jonah's prayer speaks to you the most?