

Questions from the Sermon

May 2, 2021

1. If a child steals a cookie from the cookie jar, and then the child says they are sorry, should they be forgiven and given a second chance?

-If a person robs a bank and gets caught, but then says they are sorry, should they be forgiven and given a second chance?

-When is something too big or too serious for the person to be forgiven and given a second chance?

-what determines for you that the person shouldn't get a second chance?

READ...JONAH 3:1-10

2. It says that God's word came to Jonah a second time, does it surprise you that God came with the exact same word as the first time?

-What does this tell us about God and His character?

-Do you think Jonah was surprised that God had given him a second chance?

3. Why do you think it tells us how great and big the city of Ninevah was?

-What does this say about the task God had for Jonah?

-How is this similar to our task, and do you think Jonah had similar thoughts that many of us have about the task God has given to us?

4. Reading these verses, do you believe Jonah was fully committed to the task God had given him? Why or why not?

-What do you think Jonah hoped would happen, and what do you think Jonah thought would happen?

5. How did the Ninevites respond?

-Why was this so surprising?

-How much of an impact did Jonah have on their reaction?

6. Seeing the result of Jonah's declaration, what does this tell us about how important it is that we know all the answers and can speak eloquently to people about the Good News?

-Does this give you more or less confidence to be willing to share the Good News with Others?

7. Reading the King's response, who would you say had the greatest faith in God at this point in the story? Why?

-How would you describe Jonah's faith?

-What specifically do you think caused God to change his plan and not destroy Ninevah?

-What is this a good picture of salvation?

8. Thinking about what we've heard previously about how wicked and evil the Ninevites were, how do you feel about God giving them a second chance as a result of their response?

9. Who comes to mind when you think of someone you struggle to realize God could give them a second chance?

10. Why do we struggle with God giving second chances to some people?

-What does this tell us about our view of sin?