

Jonah 2

Discussion Questions

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The glorious experience of saving grace (1-6)

1. In what sense is Jonah undeserving and helpless when God rescues him? (
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. In what sense are we undeserving and helpless when God rescued us?
 - a. How might knowing this impact the way we relate to:
 - i. God
 - ii. Other people
3. In what *positive* ways does Jonah respond to God's rescue? (hint: think about what 2:2-9 is and look at 3:1-3)
 - a. How should we respond to the fact that God has rescued us?

The glaring ignorance of saving grace (7-10)

4. One author called Jonah 2, "the prayer that made the fish vomit". Do you think he was being too harsh on Jonah? Why or why not?
5. What evidence is there that Jonah didn't undeserving and helpless he was apart from God's grace?
6. In the sermon, three pieces of evidence were listed:
 - His failure to confess his sin
 - His focus on himself (7)
 - His feeling that he is superior (8-9)
 - a. Where do you witness these in our own lives?
 - b. What can we do to cultivate a deeper appreciation of God's grace toward us?
 - c. In what practical ways can we express an appreciation of God's grace (hint: think about the *opposite* of these three things!)

Prayer Ideas:

- Pray God that he has saved us even 'when we were dead in our trespasses and sins'.
- Pray that God will help us understand just how undeserving and helpless we are apart from Jesus.
- Pray that understanding God's grace will lead us to worship and give us a deeper zeal to service others.