

Fish Story Week 4 Questions

Announcements:

1. Small group signups for the fall semester will begin September 9th, 16th, and 23rd in the gathering area.

Conversation Starters

1. Which bible stories have changed in your mind as you've grown older? How do you see the story of Jonah and Noah differently today than you did as a child?

Digging Deeper

1. Read Jonah 4:1. It displeased Jonah EXCEEDINGLY that God had grace on Nineveh.
 - a. Did Jonah have any right to be angry with God for not striking down Nineveh?
 - b. How do we look at the evil of this world and not feel that some deserve to die?
2. Read Jonah 4:2-3. Jonah has forgotten that he doesn't deserve the grace of God either.
 - a. What is it that you do or what talent do you have that makes it hard for you to not be spiritually arrogant? (marriage, job, talent, humility)
3. Read Jonah 4:6-8. God blessed Jonah with a plant that gave him shade. When the shade went away, he said it was better that he die than live like this. Comfort was Jonah's priority. He believed he deserved comfort.
 - a. What do you believe you deserve that runs your life and your emotional state?
4. Read Jonah 4:9. Jonah felt justified in his anger against God because God had taken away the thing that he loved and gave him comfort.
 - a. Have you ever been angry with God because you felt God had taken away something from you?
5. Read Jonah 4:10-11.
 - a. What do you love more than lost people? (Family, security, time, your opinion)

Gender Breakout

1. God says that he pities this city that was spiritually numb.
 - a. Who specifically in this world really doesn't matter to you as much as God would want?