



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Jonah 1:9-17

(Memory Verse)

Jonah 4:2 NKJV - *2 ...I know that You [are] a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.*

(Jonah 1:9): So he said to them, "I [am] a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry [land]."

Question: In verse 9, Jonah confesses his faith. How does confessing your faith begin to free you from the bondage of disobedience?

Question: What does it mean when Jonah says that he fears the Lord?

Question: Not only did Jonah confess his faith, but he in so doing confessed his guilt. How does confessing our sins lead to reconciliation with God?

Read 1 John 1:9

Question: How does confessing our faith, and acknowledging our failures help to bring us freedom from sin?

(Jonah 1:10): Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "Why have you done this?" For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Question: Why were the sailors exceedingly afraid when they heard who Jonah was, and from Whom he was running?

Question: How does God's judgment turn people from their sin?

(Jonah 1:11-12): Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you that the sea may be calm for us?"--for the sea was growing more tempestuous. And he said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest [is] because of me."

Question: "*It's because of me.*" How does true conviction of sin produce honest confession before God?

(Jonah 1:13-14): Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them. Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You."

Question: How does sorrow, and danger give specialty and intensity to prayer?

(Jonah 1:15-16): So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and took vows.

Question: What led to the sailor's conversion?

Question: What evidence do we have of the sailor's conversion?

1. They forsake idolatry
2. They praise the Lord.
3. They feared the Lord.

(Jonah 1:17): Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.