

The Minor Prophets - Week 7

Scripture: Book of Jonah

Questions

1. Read Jonah 2:1-10
2. With Jonah being a well known Bible story, has anything surprised you about Jonah as we have dug into scripture?
3. "Even undeserving religious people experience God's Mercy". Does this statement make you bristle or feel relief? Why?
4. God is faithful even when we aren't. Share a time God continued to work in your life when you drifted from Him or purposely disobeyed Him.
5. Jonah never asked for forgiveness from God. Why is it at times easier to make a promise to God or try to pay Him back by deeds or words rather than humbly asking for His forgiveness?
6. Pride. Doing all of the right things and pretending it's "all fine". What holds us back from being honest and vulnerable to admit we are struggling?
 - Do you have an accountability person in your life you can be honest with?
 - If not, can you think of a solid Christian whom you could trust with an honest conversation?
7. Comparison is an easy way to justify our shortcomings. How can we combat comparison of our faith or good works with other Christians and those not saved?
8. God could have killed Jonah but instead showed mercy and continued to use him. Share a time when you felt God's continued mercy when you didn't deserve it.
9. End in prayer asking God to keep us from being "professional Christians" and to keep our hearts turned toward Him.