



“Second Chances”

February 28, 2021

Text: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Part 4 of “The Book of Jonah”

Exodus 34:6 (Jonah 4:2)

1. The Lord is _____ and _____ .

a. Jonah’s _____ is not _____ .

b. _____ forward.

2. The Lord is _____ to _____ .

a. Jonah is _____ (1:17 & 2:10)

b. Forgive _____ .

3. The Lord is _____ in Steadfast _____ .

a. Jonah is given a _____ .

b. _____ the Good _____ .

ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION FOR FAMILIES

Last week Pastor Bryce mentioned the ICHTHYS, the fish sign, or Jesus fish, one of the earliest symbols for Christianity. The Greek word for fish was used as an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." Practice drawing this fish and discuss how Jesus saves us, like the Lord saved Jonah.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this sermon deeper.

Read Jonah 1:17-2:10 several times. Try a few different English translations if you like.

Take a moment to look back on your week. Have a couple people share: what are some highs, lows, and/or buffalos? (Highs=highpoints, Lows=low points, Buffalos=interesting)

What from the sermon jumped out at you this week?

What from the text interested you or surprised you?

What was confusing or would you like to think about more?

Last week we learned much from Jonah's prayer. However, Jonah's prayer was not perfect. In what sense is that good news for us as we pray?

Do you find yourself meditating and praying more about your troubles and your faith or on God's commands and God's faithfulness? How can we be more about the latter rather than the former. (Consider scriptures, such as Matt 6:5-11)

How do you do at handling failure? Discuss the idea of "failing forward."

God is gracious, merciful, and forgiving. God is also slow to anger. How are you doing these days at forgiving others? What does it mean when Jesus says, "As you have been forgiven, so must you forgive?"

Jonah is given a second chance to do what God had called him to do. It is sometimes really hard to obey! We do not see things the way God sees them. How can we better "fight the good fight" of faith better together?

Pray the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.