

GOD'S POWER

JONAH 3:1-10

5/19/24

I. GOD GAVE JONAH GRACE

Jonah 3:1 – “Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying...”

- A. God's Power = to use weak, flawed people**
- B. Believing God cannot use us is believing God is not powerful**

II. GOD GAVE JONAH A CALLING

Jonah 3:2 - “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”

*Luke 11:30 - “For as Jonah **became a sign** to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.”*

- A. God's power = to redeem our stories**
- B. Your story declares God's glory**

III. JONAH WAS OBEDIENT

Jonah 3:3 – “So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.”

*John 14:5 - “If you love me, you will **obey** my commands.”*

*Philippians 2:8 - “And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient** to the point of death, even death on a cross.”*

- A. In Jonah's obedience God was honored and His power was magnified!**
- B. Our fear hinders our obedience**
- C. Our obedience is to Go, God controls the results!**
- D. God's greatest power = His power to save**

“God can accomplish more through one simple act of obedience than the most talented leaders can accomplish in a lifetime on their own”

*“What makes you capable of extraordinary things is not extraordinary gifts, but an extraordinary willingness to be used by God!”
- JD GREAR*

*1 John 5:2-3 - “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and **obey his commandments**.³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And **his commandments are not burdensome**.”*

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?

GROUP ACTIVITY: God used Jonah's story to give credibility to the Gospel message. A good group activity would be to open your Community Group time each week with a different person/couple sharing their testimony. This is a great way to hear God's power in salvation as well as helping the group get to know one another deeper! As the leader consider sharing your story first!

2. Why do we struggle to obey God's word? How do we combat disobedience?
3. Has there been a time in your life when you saw the result of being obedient to God?
4. One way we are obedient is to preach the Gospel. Is there someone God has been convicting your heart to share the Gospel with in your community, work, or family?
5. Why are Christians hesitant to share the Gospel? How have you overcome this in your life? What tools do we have to effectively share the Gospel with others?
6. What are some ways that you can be ready when the opportunity comes to share your faith with that person?
7. Why is it important for us to remind ourselves that "Salvation belongs to the Lord"?
8. What is one practical application from the sermon this week that you want to implement?

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

- This week we want to highlight praying for the unsaved around us!
 - As a group share one person that God has laid on your heart to be praying for and preaching the Gospel to.
 - Pray for each other as we seek to bring the Gospel to unsaved people.
 - Pray that God would bring salvation because "Salvation belongs to the Lord."
 - Pray that God would open up opportunities to share our faith.
 - Pray for boldness to be obedient when those opportunities arise.