

When We Ask, God Can
Jonah 3
April 3, 2022

I. The Calling of Jonah (again) (V. 1-4)

- A. 3 Characteristics of the Word of the Lord:
1. God's commands
 2. God's character
 3. God's presence

II. The Ministry of Jonah (V. 5-10)

- A. Salvation starts with the belief that God will do what He says.
- B. Belief that God will do what He says produces:
1. Repentance
 2. Confession
- C. Confession produces a cry to God to do for you what only He can.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read Jonah 3.
2. What does the Word of God have to do with the presence of God? What do you think that had to do with Jonah's obedience to it in verses 1-2, in contrast to what he did in chapter 1?
3. What does the simple act of believing what God says, as the Ninevites did in verse 5, have to do with salvation? Have you ever felt God tell you something? Did you believe it or not? How did that affect your life afterwards?
4. What is the relationship between belief and repentance, according to verses 5-8? Has your belief ever driven you to repentance? Why?
5. What are some things this chapter says about the character of God?
6. Pray for our church, that our belief in God would inspire repentance and honest confession for God to do what only He can. Consider coming to tonight's online church prayer meeting at 7 pm (register from the church website on the homepage).

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: 1 Timothy 3-4

April Memory Verses: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 4/17/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for Easter weekend, for open doors to invite our friends and strangers to church and for God to call lost people to Himself that weekend.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Comfort J. (husband), Trevon T. (grandmother), Walter W. (brother), Gretchen E. (father), Rick V.S. (brother), Terry H. (brother), and Matthew M. (uncle)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (awaiting kidney transplant), Debbie B. (awaiting medical tests), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing & improved health), Twila D. (stroke) Wayne D. (declining health), Kay H. (very serious stroke; now in hospice), and Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (in hospital recovering from open-heart surgery)
- Others that you are aware of