

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, February 24th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

Spend some time as a group praising God for His work of salvation in your lives.

Spend some time praying for the gospel ministry of our church's missionaries (Outreach Partners).

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: #587 – *Jesus Shall Reign*.

Together in the Word:

1. Read Matthew 13:38-41. It has become popular for many Christians to believe that the story of Jonah did not actually happen. Why is important to believe the contrary – that Jonah was in fact swallowed whole by a great fish in which he lived for three days? _____

2. Why was Jonah's preaching so effective? _____

3. Why did Jonah become angry at the repentance of Nineveh? Are there people in your life that if they repented and turned to Christ you yourself might be tempted toward anger? _____

4. In his sermon, Pastor Bryan said, "One of the best ways for God to refine us is to be involved in ministry to others." How are you growing through your ministry to others (1 Pet 4:10)? _____

5. What truths do we learn about God through the historical account of Jonah? _____

6. Jonah was called to take the Word of God to Nineveh. Has the Lord commanded you to proclaim the gospel? _____

GOD'S HEART FOR THE WORLD

Jonah
Missions Conference 2019

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"God's Heart for the World."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What book in the Bible is possibly one of the most well-known, but most misunderstood books?
2. Most people who know about the book of Jonah believe that he ran from the Lord because he was what?
3. What person believed the details of Jonah's story, thus proving that the story was not an allegory or fairy tale?
4. If the story of Jonah and the fish isn't true, then what else isn't true?
5. Who was Jonah?
6. The United Kingdom of Israel divided in what year?
7. The northern kingdom was called what?
8. The southern kingdom was called what?
9. Jonah's ministry took place after what famous prophet's time?
10. What kind of prophet was Jonah?
11. Jonah actually disdained whom?
12. If we belong to God, His love for us is so great that He does what?
13. Jonah liked the last part of verse 2. Why?

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14. God could have used a different messenger, but He was working on what?
15. What are you undermining if you don't serve the Lord and minister to other believers?
16. Why should we not "click our tongue" (in disgust at Jonah)?
17. Have you learned that it is impossible to succeed in running away from God? Have you learned that there is no limit to what God can use to get your attention?
18. When we are trying to run from God, what verses in Psalms might be warning us instead of comforting us?
19. From Jonah 1:8-12 we are reminded that Jonah was what kind of prophet?
20. Who were the other sailors praying to?
21. Was the Hebrew idiom, "three days and three nights" equal to 3 full days and 3 full nights?
22. How could Jesus be placed in the tomb on Friday and be raised on Sunday and that be a fulfillment of the statement that he would be in the belly of the earth for 3 days and 3 nights?
23. How did Jonah respond to being in the belly of the fish?
24. The phrase, "out of the belly of sheol" carries with it what idea?
25. We see in Jonah 2:6-9 that Jonah has come to what?
26. When God disciplines us, His goal is to do what?
27. What does Jonah NOT share with God after this horrendous experience?
28. How long did the city of Nineveh take to travel around?
29. The population of the city of Nineveh was approximately what?
30. How did the city of Nineveh respond to Jonah's message?
31. Sackcloth was a symbol of what?
32. If you lived in Nineveh at this time, where would you sit if you were signaling helplessness and despair?
33. Was Jonah tempted to be prideful about his success in Nineveh? Why or why not?
34. Why was Jonah angry?
35. He wanted God to judge Nineveh so badly that he not only got angry, he began to do what?
36. Jonah was so prejudiced that he wanted God to do what, rather than having to see the people of Nineveh be spared?
37. What do we learn about the character of God by seeing his interaction with Jonah in this last chapter?
38. Jonah cared more about what, than about 600,000 people?
39. Did Jonah learn his lesson?
40. What is the first lesson that we need to learn from this book?
41. What character flaw do you have that needs to be changed?
42. What is the second lesson to be learned from this book?
43. Do you avoid ministry because of: Misplaced priorities, to avoid accountability, laziness, etc.?
44. What is the third lesson learned from the story of Jonah?
45. Do you have the same heart problem Jonah had?
46. What is the fourth lesson to be learned from the story of Jonah?
47. Are you trying to run from God? Or – have you bowed your knee to the Lord Jesus Christ?