

The Provision of Grace
Text: Jonah 1:7-17
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Big Idea: God will provide me with His grace, I must trust in Him.

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take to see this happen?

Question #5

- a) What are the ways God has displayed His sovereignty in the events of Jonah so far?
- b) Why should each of these be a great encouragement to us in our faith?
- c) Why is it hard for you to trust God's provision of sovereign grace in your day to day life?

You must trust God's provision of grace...

Point 1: When It EXPOSES You (vv. 7-10)

Key Question: It is God's gift of grace that He exposes your sin. Will you come clean?

Question #6

- a) What sin did God expose in Jonah? In the sailors?
- b) Why was exposing their sin and having them come clean an act of grace towards them?
- c) What are some of your common reactions when God graciously allows your sin to be exposed?
- d) Read the following passages. How does refusing to confess & repent of sin impact us...
 - i) Psalm 32:3-4
 - ii) Psalm 31:10
 - iii) Psalm 51:12
 - iv) 1 Thessalonians 5:18

- e) Look up and be prepared to share what God promises to those who come clean in confession & repentance before Him.
- f) What areas have you been running from God and need to come clean before Him?

Point 2: When It CONFUSES You (vv. 11-14)

Question: You must trust God's grace when you don't understand. Will you call out to Him?

Question #7

- a) What was Jonah's response to the sailor's when they asked him what they must do to Him?
- b) Instead of listening to him, what did they resort to, to try and get out of the storm?
- c) How did God respond to their efforts? Why did He respond this way?
- d) Why do you find it difficult to trust God's grace over your own perception of a situation?

Question #8

- a) When are you most tempted to try and rely on yourself to deliver you from a situation?
- b) What are some fruits that are displayed when you are relying on self & not trusting God's grace?
- c) What situation(s) do you need to surrender to Him right now?
- d) Spend time in prayer for one another for these areas.

Point 3: He Will RESCUE You (vv. 15-17)

Question: God has appointed His grace towards you. Will you trust His saving grace?

Question #9

- a) What happened after the sailor's humbled themselves, called out to God and did it His way?
- b) How did God display His grace towards Jonah?
- c) What does God's rescuing of Jonah show us about His character and love for us?

Question #10

Describe how vv. 13-17 display the gospel and point to the true "Sign of Jonah". (Matt. 12:38-40)

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group/in accountability in prayer...

- a) REVERENCE before God: God You are _____.
- b) HUMILITY before God: Confess & repent of the area(s) you are running from God.
- c) THANKSGIVING to God: Thank the Lord for His grace towards you in _____.
- d) SUPPLICATION to God: Ask the Lord for: i) Greater faith in Him & His sufficient grace. ii) Humility iii) Obedience to trust in His provision of grace and follow Him even when you're tempted to doubt.

Memory Verse:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."-Ephesians 2:8-9

