

God Graciously Calls and Delivers

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, February 28, 2016; Steve Thiel

Theme of Jonah – God has always had a heart for the nations. Therefore, He extends compassion by sending a prophet, who is sacrificed as a substitute to deliver sinners from destruction and is sent to proclaim salvation from judgment to all who repent and believe.

I. Overview Questions – The Book of Jonah

A. Read through the book of Jonah and write down the repeated words?

Repeated Words

Verse References

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B. Read through the book of Jonah and write down the repeated themes?

Repeated Themes

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II. Questions about the God Who Graciously Calls – Read Jonah 1:1-16

A. Who is Jonah and what do you know about him? For a cross reference, read 2 Kings 14:23-27.

B. Why does Jonah disobey the Lord and flee? What's the significance of Tarshish and Nineveh?

C. List all the ways that God pursues Jonah in (vv.4-16)? How is this an encouragement to you?

D. How does God's effort to chase down Jonah show His compassion for the nations?

E. In what ways do you want and need to grow in your compassion for the lost?

III. Questions about the God Who Graciously Delivers – Read Jonah 1:17-2:10

A. Why did God appoint a great fish to swallow Jonah (v.17)? To punish him or to rescue him?

B. Read Matthew 12:38-41. How do these verses help you to interpret Jonah 2:1-10?

C. What language in Jonah 2:1-9 helps you to see the categories of death, burial, and resurrection?

D. Read Romans 6:1-14. What sins would you like to put to death in your own life?

E. In what areas of life would you like to grow in walking in righteousness?