

Dig Deeper @Home – "Relenting God, Relentless Love" Complement to sermon on June 5 – "My Story"

MEMORIZE – Jonah 2:8

"Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God's mercies"

READ Ephesians 2: 1-10
Questions to ponder/discuss:
1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Twice it says in these 10 verses that we "were dead" (v1 & 5). Write words or phrases that describe dead. This is the condition of mankind apart from God.
4. Read verses 4-8 again. What is God's part in people receiving new life? What is people's part in receiving new life?
5. Verse 8 says "For by grace you have been saved through faith." If the verse stopped there, it would have a certain meaning, but it doesn't. How does the second part of verse 8 help us to understand the first part?
6. Verse 10 says we are God's workmanship, created for a purpose. What is that purpose? What does it look like when we live by this God given purpose?

Bottom Line (give a one or two sentence summary of the scripture you just read):

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The below is one suggestion for how to experience the truths of Jonah 2. Feel free to use this one or any you might come up with.

"My Story"

We all have a story. All of us lived a time of "following the course of this world." (Perhaps you still are in one way or another). But God is "rich in mercy" and "loves us with a great love even when we were dead." Take time this week to reflect on your story. Feel free to use any of these following questions to help you. In what ways did God love you even while you followed the course of this world? How does knowing this help us overcome some of the ways we currently struggle? What dead ways are you still walking in? What's keeping you from confessing and repenting? What good works is Christ leading you to walk in?

SING (a suggested song to sing. Use this or any song you might want to sing)

Blessed Assurance - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AmFu58Tk2Y
In the Hymnal #544. This song reminds us who we are because of what Christ has done

El Shaddai - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DuXB1a3NBCw

El Shaddai means All Sufficient God. El Elyon means Most High God. Adonai means Lord. As you sing this song, let these meanings sink deep into your heart that you are singing to the All Sufficient, Most High Lord God.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and praise reports. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to show up in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Thank you, Father, for your love, a love so great it reaches us even when we are dead in our trespasses. May we go this week not just knowing you love us but experiencing your love for us. As we do, may we be made more like Christ, loving those around us and leading them to you.