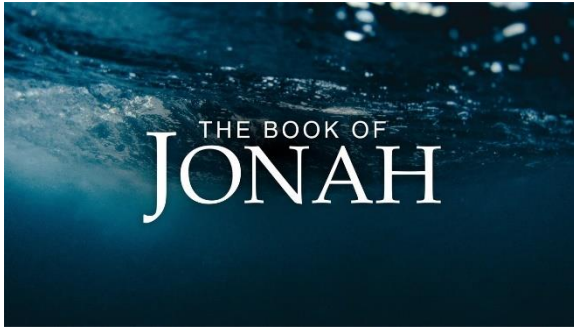


Jonah Part 7 – Help from the Holy Spirit

May 23, 2021 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



HELP FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT

- RESILIENCE
- EMPOWERMENT
- CONVICTION & AWAKENING
- URGENCY & PURPOSE

Questions:

1. Can you think of a time when you know that the Holy Spirit was helping you in a profound way? Describe what happened.
2. In the first part of the sermon, Pastor Billy reviewed lessons from the book of Jonah. In the second part, Dr. Clay Ford (Pastor Billy's father) taught about our need for the Holy Spirit. What stood out to you? Do you have any questions?
3. Read Ezekiel 36:22-29 (written about 600 years before Jesus was born)
 - a) What are the things that God promised to do in this prophecy?
 - b) Why did God say he would do these things?
 - c) Read Acts 2:1-12. Do you see any parallels between these passages?
4. Read Joel 2:28-32
 - a) Peter quotes this passage on the Day of Pentecost. Why do you think he quotes it? (see Acts 2:13-16)
 - b) In what ways was the prophecy of Joel 2 fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost?
 - c) Do you think this prophecy was completely fulfilled?
 - d) According to this passage, who would God pour out his Spirit on?
5. Read Joel 2:12-14
 - a) How is this passage connected to Joel 2:28-32?
 - b) Even though this had a specific fulfillment nearly 2000 years ago, what principles can we glean? (also see John 7:37-39 and Luke 11:13)
 - c) What do you think might happen if churches today took this message to heart and acted on it?
6. Read John 15:26. What is one of the Holy Spirit's main roles? How do you think the Holy Spirit does this?
7. Read John 16:7-15
 - a) Why do you think it was better for Jesus to leave? Is having the Holy Spirit with you better than having Jesus with you?
 - b) According to this passage, what else does the Holy Spirit do?
8. What do you think it would look like if the Holy Spirit were poured out in a mighty way on you? On our church? Is this something you desire, or does it scare you (or both)?
9. Pray together for any needs you have. Also pray for more of the Holy Spirit in your lives and for a true outpouring of the Spirit in our church.