

Minor Prophets
Gail Arterburn –2023

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –11/06/23

Jonah - Lesson 2
Jonah 1:17-2:10

1. Read Jonah 1:17-2:3. Jonah had refused God's call, he had refused to pray and he refused to turn to God in the midst of the storm. What did the Lord do next? What does this tell you about God?

2. Aside from Jesus later using Jonah as a sign (Matt. 12:38-41), why do you think Jonah was inside the fish for three days and nights?

3. Read Heb. 12:5-11. What is the purpose of the Lord's discipline? How do these verses apply to Jonah? To you?

4. What did Jonah do from inside the fish? Why? What did he understand about his situation? About God? (vs. 2-3)

5. Jonah 2:2-9 is often described as Jonah's prayer. More accurately, it is Jonah's psalm of thanksgiving in which he recalls his prayer for help and God's deliverance. It is written in Hebrew poetry with a repeated pattern of despair followed by hope. What is the basis for his despair and his hope in each of the following:
 - V. 2

 - Vs. 3-4

 - Vs. 5-6

 - V. 7

6. What conclusions did Jonah come to while he was still inside the fish?
 - V. 8

 - V. 9a

 - V. 9b

 - V. 9c

7. How did Jonah's response to his crisis in the fish parallel the sailors' response to their crisis in the storm? What did you learn from their experiences that would be helpful when you face a crisis?