



Lessons from the Lake- A Whale of a Story

Last Week

Last week we talked fixing our eyes on Jesus and “stepping out” in faith. Have you been able to put that into practice this past week? What was that experience like?

Opener

Can you remember a time that your parents (or another authority like a coach) made you do something you didn't want to do?

Follow Up: Were you able to see the benefits at the time? Or did you get lost in how much you didn't want to do it?

Questions

Have someone read Jonah 1:1-3. Nineveh was a city that was a fierce enemy of Israel. Jonah likely knew people that had been captured or killed by the Ninevites. Then God calls Jonah to bring that city to repentance. How do you think Jonah was feeling? Why do you think Jonah fled?

Has God ever called you to do something that you didn't want to do? How did you respond?

Follow Up: If you didn't do what God called you to do, what was your reasoning behind your decision?

Follow Up: If you did do what God called you to do. What were some things that helped you overcome your discomfort/hesitations?

How did God react to your decision? (Did he change the situation or act in some way)

Has there ever been a time that your disobedience towards God ever brought harm to someone else? How?

How important is repentance? Why

Have you ever been angry with God because of something you did that God had asked you to do, but the outcome wasn't what you wanted?

In the Sermon Jason talked about three undesirable personality traits for serving God and transforming them into three desirable traits instead. How can we move from:

- Running from God to Answering God's Call
- Weak Repentance to Truly Turning Away from Sin
- Lacking Grace to Extending the Grace of Christ

Next Steps

Is there an area in your life you currently feel like you are running away from God? What are some steps you can take this week to turn back towards God?