

LOVE'S TEMPEST

Jonah 1:4-17

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. ALL SIN HAS A STORM ATTACHED TO IT
2. EVERY STORM CAN HELP CRUSH THE POWER OF SIN IN OUR LIVES
3. THE WAY THROUGH THE STORM CAN ONLY BE FOUND OUTSIDE OF THE STORM AND OUTSIDE OF YOURSELF

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. One of the primary ways we can grow as people is by understanding who we really are. And one of the most effective ways for helping us get to the bottom of who we are is the storms we face in our lives. What are some things you've learned about yourself from the storms you've faced?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that "All sin has a storm attached to it." This doesn't mean that every difficulty is because of a particular sin. It means that every sin causes difficulty. What are some ways you've seen this play out in your life and in the world around you?
4. Like Jonah, the degree to which we feel superior to other people is the degree to which we are out of touch with our own flaws. What areas of life do you most often have feelings of superiority? What do you think is at the root of this sense of superiority?
5. Sometimes, instead of storms of loss, we get exactly what we want but we are still left feeling empty. Has this ever happened to you? What was it like?
6. Jonah's response to the storm shows us that the way through the storm can only be found outside the storm and outside of himself. How does this idea compare with our culture's view of how to handle adversity?
7. The truest form of love is marked by substitutionary sacrifice. We see this imperfectly in Jonah telling the sailors to throw him into the sea and we see it perfectly in Jesus' death on the cross. What are some specific ways you can apply this truth about love in how you love your family? Friends? Co-workers? Neighbors?