

SERMON: Dealing with Sin Jonah 1:11-16

Sermon Notes:

Discussion Questions (for Small Groups & Families)

1. Did Pastor Bill say anything in his sermon that you struggled with, or disagreed with? What was it, and why? Talk about that.
2. Why does Jonah say, "Throw me overboard" when he knows he has other options?
3. Why are some sins so hard to let go of? What are we afraid will happen if we do?
4. Dallas Willard argues that many Americans have an inadequate understanding of the gospel that goes like this: if we put our faith in Jesus we can go to heaven when we die. What is wrong with that rendering? What is missing?
5. What evidence is there that you actively trust and rely on Jesus in this life? How much authority have you given Jesus over your present life?
6. What does true repentance look like? How can we decisively deal with our sin?
7. What part is God asking you to play in His work of reconciling lost sinners to Himself? Are you doing your part? If yes, how so? If not, why not?
8. How is Jesus the true Jonah? What difference does that make?

Recommended Reading:

- Divine Conspiracy: rediscovering our hidden life in God (Dallas Willard)
- Surprised by Grace: God's relentless pursuit of rebels (Tullian Tchividjian)