Pacific Growth Group Sermon Questions
Week of April 30th, 2023
Sermon Theme: "Have You Ever Prayed from the Belly of A Fish?"
Primary Text(s): Jonah 2

1. **Read Jonah 2**. From your reading and reflection on this passage:

    a. *How would you describe Jonah's posture in this week's text? What lessons can we learn from Jonah's posture when we face crises in life?*

    b. *How does Jonah's prayer's portrayal of God impact your faith?*

2. Prayer Is Something That Is Remembered (Reference: Jonah 2:1-2A).
    a. *Talk about a time in your life when you sought God in prayer, and He responded in a manner that was attributable to His intervention.*

    b. *How does this act of remembering help to encourage your faith today*?

3. Prayer Is Remembering (Reference: Jonah 2B-4).
    a. The text informs us about Jonah's misunderstanding of God. He linked God's presence to being solely in the temple. *Talk about some of the ways Christians today sometimes misunderstand God*.

    b. *Do you recall periods in your life when you misunderstood God?*
        - *What factors led you to embracing this misunderstanding of God to be true?*
        - *Share how God helped you to correct this misunderstanding.*

    c. *If you have been blessed to avoid embracing misunderstandings of God in your journey as a Jesus follower, talk about how the Holy Spirit has helped to guard your heart against this potential area of struggle.*

4. Prayer is Reconciliation (Reference: Jonah 2:2B-10).
    a. *As a group, unpack your thoughts on the statement, "prayer is reconciliation."*

    b. *Describe the reconciliatory signs that are observable in Jonah's prayerful account.*

    c. *In the spirit of remembering God's grace in our lives (specifically through prayer), speak to each other about the reconciliatory signs that you have observed in your life concerning your relationship with God and others.*

d. Jonah uses the word "womb" to describe his position in the fish because he was going to be delivered from the fish. *Pray for those in your life who don't need to know Jesus to be delivered by God and to be reconciled to Him.*