



Sermon Discussion Guide

Tim Knipp - Water

October 30, 2022

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

1. If you grew up somewhere other than the PNW, what did you think when you saw oceans first? What about the other way around... seeing vast deserts, or fields of wheat, etc.?
2. Pastor Tim spoke about how God brought order from chaos through his Spirit, share about times in your life that this has happened.
3. Have you been underwater, physically, and looking around? How does it feel to be underwater? What have you seen? If you haven't, what thoughts, emotions, etc. are brought to mind thinking about being underwater?

Book

1. Reread Matthew 12:38-41.
2. Find and list other stories about how God brought people through water into blessing.
 - a. Hints: Noah, Moses as baby, Israel in the Red Sea, Israelites into the Promised Land, Elijah + Elisha, Jonah, Jesus' baptism, and more!
 - b. What similarities do you notice?
 - i. Notice wind/Spirit, violence, covenant, themes of creation, and the Promised Land
3. Compare Jonah and Jesus. Include the ideas of water, repentance, obedience.
 - a. How are they different?
 - b. How are they similar?
4. In your own words, how does Jesus fulfill this narrative pattern of God bringing his people safely through the waters of chaos?

Look

1. What is the difference between convincing minds and convincing hearts? Pastor Tim began by looking at this idea in context with Jonah. How does this apply to our community and/or our city?



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2. Last week Pastor Christian said that God isn't done with our city... or any city. How does the thought, truth, reality of Jesus throwing himself into our chaos, change the way we view the city we live in? How should it alter our meetings with others on the street and in the world?

Took

1. When we trust in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection we are positionally saved (our right standing with God is guaranteed). But along the way, through life, we need to continue to cling to his Spirit and walk through the waters of life. What are ways, this week, that you can cling to Jesus and his saving work?
2. If you feel like you're in a place where you don't feel as though you can cling to Jesus, what are ways that your small group can assure you that He is holding onto you. Find verses to remind you, to reassure you, to comfort you, that you are firmly hidden in him and can rest in the knowledge that Jesus went "into the earth" and yet came out the other side.

Time of Prayer