



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

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Topic: Discipleship Essentials – Beauty of Brokenness

Jonah Ch 2

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Sermon Notes

- Anxiety can easily overwhelm us (v15-16)
- Many cry out in vain to false gods (v8)
- Wisely, Jonah called out to God (v1-4)
- God restores Jonah (v10)
- Turning his brokenness into beauty (v6)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023
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Small Group Questions/Discussion

Jonah was literally in a dark place. Share together some of life's challenges that create anxiety in our community today. Can you share a personal experience.

Jonah says that people cry out to worthless idols when they are in trouble. What do people see as the answers to their distress – who or what do they put their hope in? Over the years, what have you found to be “worthless idols”

Jonah was desperate and He looked to God for help. Can you share a difficult time in your life which brought you closer to God. It's often said that when we get to the end of ourselves, we get to the beginning of God. Why is that so true? Read v4,7 & 8. Reflect on Jonah's plea for help. What is the common thread in each of these verses?

Jonah was restored. What would be Jonah's testimony to his grandchildren – Things I've learnt? If you could share a truth about dealing with dark times with your own family – what would you say?

Read v6. God brings up Jonah out of the pit. God turns brokenness into beauty. Identify the beauty in Jonah's restoration. Share together your experience of God when he brought your life up out of despair. Why is it so important to persevere in our faith journey with God?