

Discussion Questions

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God Provides

1. Reflect on God's Provision

The sermon mentions how God's provision during Sukkot reminds us that we don't provide for ourselves. How have you seen God provide for you in the past year? Are there areas where you tend to rely on your own strength instead of trusting God?

2. Learning from Jonah's Reaction

Jonah was displeased when God showed mercy to Nineveh. Why do you think Jonah felt that way? Have you ever struggled with God's provision or mercy for others when it didn't align with your expectations?

3. Temporary vs. Eternal

The sukkah (booth) is a temporary dwelling meant to remind Israel of their reliance on God. How does this image of a temporary shelter challenge the ways you view security in your own life? What does this teach us about the difference between relying on our provisions versus God's?

4. Personal Sukkah vs. God's Shelter

In the story, Jonah builds his own shelter, but God provides shade with a plant. How do you identify areas in your life where you might be "building your own shelter"?

5. Handling Discomfort

The plant provided Jonah temporary relief, but it was taken away. How do you respond when God removes comforts or things you rely on? How might God use discomfort to draw you closer to His provision?

6. God's Timing and Our Trust

Sukkot celebrates the end of the harvest, a time when God's provision is visibly realized. What does waiting on God's provision in your life teach you about patience and trust?

7. Trusting in Uncertainty

Life is filled with uncertainties, just like the Israelites experienced in the wilderness. How does the story of Sukkot and God's faithful provision in the past give you confidence in navigating uncertain times today?