

**Week 4 – Jonah 3:1-10**

***Jonah's Second Call to Nineveh***



Key Verse:

Title:

**Five Point Summary:**

1. What is God Doing?
2. How is Jonah responding?
3. How are the other characters responding?
4. What do we learn about the character of the people in the story?
5. What do we learn about the character of God in the story?

**1. Compare 3:1-5 to 1:1-6. Who's will is Jonah following now, and what is Jonah's response to God's word? How would you describe this change?**

**2. In both chapter 1 and chapter 3, the fate of Gentiles seems to be tied to the obedience of Jonah to the word of the Lord, and to Jonah's words (proclamation). What do you think the significance is of this for Jonah, Israel, and the church?**

**3. When the word of the Lord to Jonah includes "the message I will tell you", what should the divine origin of prophecy tell us about our scriptures?**

**4. What do you think the judgment "forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown" suggests? Who does verse 5 say the people heard speaking to them (who did they believe)? What might this teach us about our proclamation of the gospel to the world?**

**5. In Jonah 3 the people, government and animals all "repent". What might the significance of this be? (Read Matthew 12:38-41; Luke 11:29-32) Do you think the repentance here is a lasting true conversion?**

**6. Do you think that repentance alone “appeases” the Lord so that he changes his mind about the just judgment he planned, or is there more to understand about God’s mercy here (Read Romans 3:23-26; Revelation 13:5-8)?**

**7. Are God’s compassionate acts of mercy just? How should we understand God’s willingness to forgive sinful Jonah and Nineveh? Can you think of other times in scripture that the Lord “waits” to judge sinful people?**

**8. Why do you think that God chooses to use Jonah and not some other means to warn Nineveh and bring her to repentance? Why do you think he uses us today to reach a sinful world?**

**9. Nineveh clearly had an organized society, a king, a ruling class, and so on. Yet, their wickedness was clear to God. What might we learn here about our own society, rulers, and laws in the sight of God?**

**10. In chapter 3, Jonah’s change of mind leads him to preach. Where else do we see changed “minds” in Jonah, and how would you explain their significance? Does God “really” change his mind (Read Exodus 32:7-14)? How would you explain this?**