

Bible Study **Jonah 3:1-10**

Opening Questions:

1. Have you ever been given a second chance to obey God?
2. What do you understand by the word 'repentance'?

Read Jonah 3:1-10

1. What does it tell us about God that He is re-commissioning Jonah to go to Nineveh?

2. What do we see in Jonah's repentance? (refer ch 1 & 2 as well)

3. According to V3 why what action does Jonah take?
 - (a) Why is this important in the grand scheme of Jonah's life?
 - (b) How do you think Jonah may have felt about his mission now? Why?

4. What did Jonah proclaim in Nineveh V4 (Nahum 3)

5. What do we notice as Nineveh repents? (Outward signs, inward signs)
 - (a) How are the outward and inward aspects of repentance similar to our sacraments of baptism and communion?

6. What significance is there in the animals being included the national repentance?

7. In light of v9, how are we in a much better situation than the Ninevites?

8. What principle or lesson can we take from V4 & V10?

9. What message has God given all those who believe in Jesus as their Savior to give to the world? (Mark 1:14-15, John 3:16, Romans 5:6-11)

Additional reading: Isaiah 52:7, Nahum 3:1-19, Matthew 5:13-16, Romans 10:14-15, 1 Samuel 15:22, 2 Kings 14:23-28, Romans 9:18-22, 1 Thess 1:8-10, Eph 2:1-5,

Personal Reflection:

1. What comforts you and/or what troubles you with the lessons from Ch3?
2. Is there any area in your life where you are trying to cover for your lack of obedience to God with religious activity for God?
3. What can you take away and apply from this chapter?