

JONAH 3 - Community Group Questions

Jonah 3:1-10

1—How are you currently seeing the Lord work in your life? Share a God moment from this past week?

Jonah—Prophet for the Lord, 1 of the 12 minor prophets.

(785 – 775BC). Northern kingdom, Southern kingdom—About 60 years before the Assyria conquered God's people in the Northern kingdom.

--This book is not about a big fish. --Not even about Jonah.

--This is a book about the Lord's MERCY and GRACE.

MERCY = Not receiving what you deserve

GRACE = Receiving what you don't deserve

2—Read Jonah 3:1. Why do you think it's significant that the Lord speaks to Jonah a "second time"? How have you experienced God providing you a second change? Why do you think God is committed to partner with humanity to bring his kingdom even when we don't obey him?

3—Read Jonah 3:4. Jonah's sermon says that the Ninevites will be "destroyed". How do you think about God's judgment? Is it something you're settled with, or does it make you uncomfortable? How does God saying that he will destroy the Ninevites and then relenting when they repent shape your thoughts around his judgment?

4—Read Jonah 3:5. The text doesn't explicitly say that the Ninevites repented, but their outward actions communicate that they do. What do you take away from their actions in this verse?

5—Which point from Sunday's message best resonates with you and why?

- The mercy of God is not hostage to the heart of His messenger
- The potential for judgment is an invitation to wake up.
- Jonah was hoping for destruction and God was planning for transformation.
- Repentance requires action.
- God's mercy runs ahead of our knowledge of him.

6—Which action point from the king's descent most resonates with you?

- Surrender authority
- Remove significance
- Clothe yourself with humility
- Sit still

7—How can you apply Jonah 3 to your life this week? What is the Lord teaching you in these verses?

