

## Small Group Discussion Guide — Read Jonah 3:1-10

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- What were some of the most surprising parts of chapter 3 for you? Did anything in particular stand out to you? Anything new? Anything that was confusing or shocking to you?
- Why the repetition between 1:1-2 and 3:1-2? What do you think the author is trying to show us? How is it an encouragement to us to know that God is a God of “second chances”?
- Jonah’s message in vs. 4 wouldn’t have been a popular message (“*Yet forty days, and Nineveh will be overthrown!*”) If you were Jonah, how might you be feeling walking into the city of Nineveh? How have you at times shied away from sharing the gospel with others? Or felt as though you needed to make it more palatable for unbelievers?
- What can we remember in these situations to give us boldness and courage? What sort of confidence should we have in the power of God’s Word?
- What is biblical repentance? What is it not? According to 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, what is a “worldly grief” and what is a “godly grief”? Based on what we see here from the Ninevites, what are some of the markers for spotting genuine repentance in a person? What will this look like in a person’s life?
- How do we see the Ninevites reaction to Jonah’s message? To their own sin? What actions do they take in repenting? What is their response to God?
- What does Martin Luther mean that, “Christ wills the entire life of believers to be one of repentance?”
- What does it mean that God “relented” or “turned”? Does God “change his mind”? (see Num 23:19; Mal 3:6; James 1:17; Isa 14:24) Why can God relent from what He said He would do and yet remaining unchanging in His character and purposes?
- Are there any people in your life that you think are “unlikely converts”? How were the examples of Rosaria Butterfield or George Mueller encouraging or convicting for you?