

# JONAH

## Talk 1 – Jonah 3 – the persistence of grace

### Small group questions

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact [revkev182@gmail.com](mailto:revkev182@gmail.com)

#### 1. Reflection on Second Chances:

- How do you personally feel about second chances? Can you think of a time when you were given a second chance, or when you gave someone else a second chance?

#### 2. Proclaiming the Message:

- Imagine being in Jonah's shoes. How would you feel about having to go back to the same city with the same message after your initial experience?
- What do you think was going through Jonah's mind as he delivered the message to Nineveh?

#### 3. The Message:

- Reflect on the brevity and directness of Jonah's message: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." How might people respond to such a message today?
- Discuss the importance of communicating both God's judgment and His mercy in today's culture.

#### 4. Nineveh's Repentance:

- What was the immediate response of the Ninevites to Jonah's message? Why do you think they believed God?

#### 5. Fruit of Repentance:

- How do you understand the concept of "the fruit of repentance"? Can you think of examples, either from your life or someone else's, where repentance led to tangible changes in behaviour?

#### 6. Grace in Action:

- Explore the idea of God's grace in the chapter. How do we understand God's grace extended to us through the Lord Jesus?

#### 7. Sharing Jesus:

- Share personal experiences or ideas on how you can initiate conversations about faith and Jesus in your community.

#### 8. Understanding God's Patience:

- Reflect on 2 Peter 3:8-9. How does the understanding of God's patience impact our approach to sharing the message of salvation?
- How can the assurance that God desires everyone to come to repentance, influence our interactions with others?

**Prayer idea** – Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the powerful reminder of your grace and mercy through the story of Jonah and Nineveh. May we be inspired to embrace and share your message of repentance and salvation. Help us to be vessels of your love, grace, and compassion in our daily lives. Guide our steps as we go out to share Jesus for life, and may your patience (and ours!) lead many to repentance In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.