



South Sub Church

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## God's Relentless Pursuit-The Revival

### Jonah 3 (NLT)

Then the Lord spoke to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>"Get up and go to the great city of Nineveh, and deliver the message I have given you." <sup>3</sup>This time Jonah obeyed the Lord's command and went to Nineveh, a city so large that it took three days to see it all. <sup>4</sup>On the day Jonah entered the city, he shouted to the crowds: "Forty days from now Nineveh will be destroyed!" <sup>5</sup>The people of Nineveh believed God's message, and from the greatest to the least, they declared a fast and put on burlap to show their sorrow. <sup>6</sup>When the king of Nineveh heard what Jonah was saying, he stepped down from his throne and took off his royal robes. He dressed himself in burlap and sat on a heap of ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then the king and his nobles sent this decree throughout the city: "No one, not even the animals from your herds and flocks, may eat or drink anything at all. <sup>8</sup>People and animals alike must wear garments of mourning, and everyone must pray earnestly to God. They must turn from their evil ways and stop all their violence. <sup>9</sup>Who can tell? Perhaps even yet God will change his mind and hold back his fierce anger from destroying us." <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they had done and how they had put a stop to their evil ways, he changed his mind and did not carry out the destruction he had threatened.

### Sermon Summary:

What if running from God doesn't disqualify you—but actually reveals how far His mercy will go? In this four-week journey through the book of Jonah, we'll discover a God who relentlessly pursues us in our rebellion, meets us in our lowest moments, extends grace to the people we least expect, and challenges the parts of our hearts that resist His compassion. Whether you feel far from God, frustrated with Him, or unsure how you fit into His mission, this series will invite you to see that you can run—but you can't escape His mercy.

### Fun, non-threatening Ice Breaker questions:

1. What's the biggest city you've ever visited?
2. How do you usually respond to warnings or corrections?
3. Have you ever changed your mind about something important?
4. What motivates people to change their behavior?
5. What's something that surprised you because people responded differently than expected?

### Objective Bible study questions (observation):

1. What command does God give Jonah again in verse 1–2?
2. How does Jonah respond this time (v. 3)?
3. What message does Jonah preach in Nineveh (v. 4)?
4. How do the people of Nineveh respond (v. 5)?

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5. What does the king do when he hears Jonah's message (v. 6)?
6. What decree does the king make (v. 7–8)?
7. What hope do the people express in verse 9?
8. What does God see in verse 10?
9. How does God respond to Nineveh's actions (v. 10)?
10. What changes occur in the city overall?

#### **Interpretive Questions (meaning):**

1. Why do you think Jonah obeys God the second time?
2. What is significant about the simplicity of Jonah's message?
3. Why is Nineveh's response so immediate and widespread?
4. How does repentance play a role in this chapter?
5. What does God's response reveal about His character?

#### **Application questions (life response):**

1. Are you quick or slow to respond to God's warnings or nudges?
2. How can you demonstrate humility like the king of Nineveh?
3. Is there an area where you need to turn away from wrongdoing?
4. How does this chapter shape your view of God's mercy?
5. Who in your life might need to hear a message of repentance and hope?