

*HIT THE GROUND*

**RUNNING**

## **Second Chances**

Discussion Guide

January 20, 2019

Jonah 3:1-10

### **Questions for Study**

\*\* Before you begin, please read Jonah 3:1-10 as a group.

1. Share a time when you were given a second chance – maybe a second chance at a relationship or a job, or to succeed in an area where you had previously struggled.
2. How can being given a second chance be life-changing? Do you have examples of this – either from your own life, or from the life of someone you know?
3. Summarize what “second chance” the Ninevites are given in Jonah 3:1-10.
4. Why did they need a second chance? (Hint: See verse 8.)
5. How do they respond to Jonah’s message? What stands out to you about their response?
6. How does Jonah 3:1-10 highlight the power of God’s grace? Why?
7. In what ways does this passage encourage evangelism? As you look ahead in 2019, is there an unbelieving friend / neighbor / co-worker you’re praying for, and looking for an opportunity to share the gospel with?
8. In Jonah 3:1-10 we see that God’s gracious work is powerful enough to influence whole societies. How does this encourage you to pray big prayers and try big things for God?
9. Jonah 3:1-10 shows us that God is a “God of second chances” – He responds to our repentance with grace. How does this truth about God influence the way you approach Him?
10. How should this truth that God is a “God of second chances” influence your own willingness to extend second chances to others? Explain.
11. What have you learned from Jonah 3:1-10 that can help you “hit the ground running” in 2019? What practical steps will you take in light of this?
12. **Challenge: Memorize 1 John 1:9:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.