

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Jonah 3

**Ice Breaker:** When was last time you recall someone showing you mercy? When was the last time you showed mercy to someone else?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In our passage, God speaks to Jonah again and instructs him to go Nineveh. How does his response differ from the first time God spoke to Jonah? Why did Jonah not want to obey in the first place?
2. What was the message Jonah spoke to this “great” city? What is unique about this message? Why was this the message God had for Jonah to give?
3. If someone asked you how to be saved from God’s judgement, how would you respond? How would you articulate the essentials of the gospel? What needs to be included for it to be a faithful gospel presentation?
4. What was the city’s response to Jonah’s message? Do you think they truly repented? Why or why not? Compare and contrast the sailor’s repentance in Jonah 1 and the city of Nineveh.
5. What signs that we look for today to confirm someone’s heart has truly repented or someone has truly converted?
6. What do we learn about God in this passage? How do we reconcile the truth that God is unchangeable in his character and seems to “change his mind” about the destruction of Nineveh?
7. If we believe in the coming Judgement on the Last Day, what keeps us from telling others about how to be saved from God’s wrath?
8. Is there someone in your life who you consider too far from God’s mercy? Is there a part of your life you that you consider too far from God’s reach to change? Pray together as a group for a heart to believe the power of God’s mercy for yourself and others in Christ.
9. How does the cross of Jesus magnify the depth and breadth of God’s mercy towards us?