

U-Turns Allowed

Jonah 3

Ice Breaker: Describe a time when you resisted doing something you knew you were supposed to do – and were “hounded by God” until you went back and did it.

BIG IDEA: God’s grace is not just about taking care of the sins of our past. It’s also about giving us a second chance to obey God in the future.

Digging Deeper:

- 1) Read Jonah 3:1-2. How does this call compare to the one God gave at the beginning of the story? What does this say about the nature of second chances? Describe a time when God gave you a second chance to obey Him. What did you learn from that “second chance” experience?
- 2) Read Jonah 3:3-9. Note the various aspects of the Ninevites’ repentance. What do you think ‘repentance’ would look like if it happened on a large scale in our church? In the Wenatchee Valley? In our country?
- 3) Read Jonah 3:10. How does God respond to the Ninevites’ repentance? What does God’s gracious response say about His willingness to forgive even the most heinous of sins? How should this inform the way I understand my own sin – once I’ve confessed and repented?
- 4) Philip Yancey writes, “Repentance is the flight home that leads to joyful celebration.” Is there someone in your sphere of influence who needs to come home to our Heavenly Father? Spend some time praying for these people – asking God to do whatever it takes to move their hearts to repentance (circumstances, conviction of sin, a timely word, a dream, etc.).