



Mark Francey/ Baptize America – Second Chance
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

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[Jonah 3:1-10] NKJV

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

Key Points:

- 1. *God Pursues***
- 2. *God Prepares***
- 3. *God Hears***
- 4. *God Empowers***

Applications for the Week:

Is there an area in your life where you feel like you're running from God's call or voice? What would it look like to stop running and say "yes" to God this week?

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** What was Jonah's message to the people of Nineveh and how did they respond?
- 2.** What are some ways God prepared the way for Jonah, even before Johan obeyed?
- 3.** What actions did the King of Nineveh take after hearing Jonah's message?
- 4.** Jonah's prayer in the fish was described as self-centered, yet God still responded. What does this teach us about God's willingness to meet us in our lowest moments?
- 5.** The obedience of one person (Jonah) led to the transformation of an entire city. What does this suggest about the potential impact of our own obedience?
- 6.** What was the significance of Johan being given a second chance by God?
- 7.** Jonah's story shows that God prepares the way before we even know we need it. Can you recall a time when you realized, in hindsight, that God had been preparing circumstances or people for your return to Him?
- 8.** The impact of Jonah's obedience went far beyond himself. Who in your life might be affected if you fully obeyed God's call right now? How could your yes to God lift up others around you?