



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Jonah 3:1-10

(Memory Verse)

Jonah 4:2 NKJV - *2 ...I know that You [are] a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.*

(Jonah 3:1-2): Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, (2) "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you."

Question: What are some of the obstacles that backslidden Christians may face when desiring to come back to the Lord?

Question: How does forgiveness help restore relationships?

Question: How does the Lord's firm correction in our lives affirm us as His children?

(Read: Hebrews 12:6)

Question: Why is immediate obedience so important, and what are the pitfalls of delayed obedience?

(Jonah 3:3-4): 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]. (4) 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!"

Question: Why must the work be done in the heart of the church before it can be accomplished in the heart of the city?

Question: How does the Lord use correction in our lives in order to help others come to Him?

(Jonah 3:5-8): So the people of Nineveh **believed God**, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. (6) 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. (7) 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. (8) 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.

Question: What role do you think leadership plays in the spiritual health of a nation? Why?

Question: How do you know if someone has repented from their sin?

Question: What role does true repentance play in stemming the tide of God's judgment?

(Jonah 3:9-10): Who can tell [if] God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? (10) 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.

Question: How does our faith working through hope lead us to repent from our sin?

Question: How does humility factor into our repentance from sin, and how does pride hinder it?

Question: Though Jonah disobeyed, and ran from God the Lord restored, reinstated, and re-commissioned him to do a work that led to one of the greatest revivals in history. ***How does the story of Jonah bring you encouragement, and how can you use it to encourage others?***