

Jonah: The Gospel Run

Jonah 3

1. What stands out to you about Jonah's response to the second chance he's been given? Do you feel like God has ever given you a second chance?
2. How do the Ninevites respond? (Don't forget the animals!) Take a careful look at the king's response in particular. What does he take off and put on?
How is his response to God's message different from Jonah's? What is your response as a reader?
3. God's judgment and God's love are both on display in this chapter. How do the two fit together in the story? How would you respond to someone who says, "I can't believe in a God of judgment"?
4. Read the poet Thomas Carlyle's adaptation of Jonah's attitude towards God in his poem, "Counselor to the Almighty."

Think twice before you pardon

Men repent even in ashes, but repent again of their repentance

Take a wiser bias of my advice

Confine your charity to such good neighbours as your humble servant

What do you think he means by "repenting of your repentance"? How have you done that (or kept from doing that) in your own life?

5. How does Jonah 3 convict, challenge, or comfort you? How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond?
6. Read Philippians 2:5-11. How does the book of Jonah point us to Jesus?