



## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

### JONAH 3 – WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD’S LOVE?

*<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”*

*<sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.*

*<sup>6</sup>When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup>This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup>But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”*

*<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.*

– Jonah 3

### **TENSION QUESTION**

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How can I \_\_\_\_\_ God’s love for me?

### **WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT GOD’S LOVE IN JONAH 3?**

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- God’s love is \_\_\_\_\_
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### **BIG IDEA:**

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God’s love must be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ to be experienced

## **APPLICATION POINTS**

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- Do not \_\_\_\_\_ the grace of God as a \_\_\_\_\_ to sin
- What will you do when given a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?
- Show others the grace, mercy, and generosity that \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **DIGGING DEEPER**

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1. Why do we struggle to believe that God can love us?
2. Why do we struggle to believe that God could love our enemies?
3. How does question #2 affect how we see other people?
4. Of the three things we learn about God's love in Jonah 3, which are you most thankful for? Why?
5. Of the three things we learn about God's love in Jonah 3, which do you struggle to believe? Why?
6. How can we experience the love of God personally?
7. What prevents people from experiencing God's love?
8. How is the generosity of God's love revealed in this chapter?
9. Why isn't the grace of God a license to sin?
10. Tell of a time that you received a second chance. Did you take advantage of or squander the opportunity?
11. How should receiving God's love change us?
12. What are some ways that you need to show God's love this week?