



### Study 3 - Jonah 3:1-10 The Mission of Jonah

**Recap:** By the end of chapter 2, how is the Jonah who gets deposited on the beach different to the Jonah who ran off to sea?

**Q1.** (O) Compare Jonah chapters 1 & 3 by completing this table.

	Chapter 1	Chapter 3
v1		
v2		
v3		
v4		
v5 (people)		
v6 (leader)		
	vv7-16	vv7-9

**Q2.** (I) What reasons can you suggest for Jonah's better response to God's command in 3:1-3?

**Q3.** (I) What does it mean to 'repent'? How do the Ninevites model that to us?

**Q4.** (A) After we become Christians, what role should repentance continue to play in our lives? See Acts 26:19-20, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10, Luke 8:18-25 (notice 'daily').

**Q5.** (I) God's action (or inactivity) at 3:10 has been described as 'divine repentance'. How is this consistent with God's character toward both Israelites & non Israelites? See Exodus 32:11-14, Jeremiah 18:5-10, Ezekiel 33:10-11 & 14-16, Matthew 11:20-24, Acts 2:36-39, Acts 5:29-32, Acts 11:1-2&15-18, 2 Peter 3:8-9

**Q6.** (A) Read Luke 11:27-32. What comparison does Jesus make between himself and Jonah? Following Jesus' lead, what application of Jonah 3 might we make to ourselves?

**Q7.** (A) Be encouraged by 1 John 1:8-9 & create a prayer list together by listing areas in which Christians find they need to repent and seek God's mercy. Use this list & Pray generally for each other and your fellow St James/BHAC members.

*Bonus Question for Groups with Time*

Compare the proclamation in Jonah 3:7-9 with Joel 2:11-14. The prophet Joel was addressing Israel. How might the adaptation of Joel 2:14, by the Ninevites at 3:9, be challenging to Israelite prejudices?