

Message Notes ~ Sunday ~ August 6, 2023

"An Unexpected Response"

'Grace for All' ~ Jonah week 3

Jonah 3:1-3

"Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³ Jonah <u>obeyed</u> the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days."

God is ______

Obedience does not _____ all the _____
Jonah 3:4-5

"On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." ⁵ The Ninevites <u>believed</u> God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth."

God is willing to _____and give _____

- Life in ______, is characterized by ______
- Living for God requires

Matthew 28:18-20

"Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore <u>go and make disciples</u> of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and <u>teaching them to obey</u> everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Sharing _____ involves your _____

Jonah 3:6-10

"When the news 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.⁷ Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened."

2 Peter 3:9

"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."

<u>**Questions to Ponder**</u>: use these with your family, Life Group, with friends or in prayer;

- 1. When have you needed a second chance?
- 2. Why is it so hard to believe God would give you a second chance?
- 3. How would you describe repentance?
- 4. What is one simple way to start a conversation about God's grace with people around you?
- 5. How does the concept of God's patience in 2 Peter 3 relate to the idea of salvation?