

**SVQ Guide Week 7**  
**Nahum (Jonah) 1-3**  
**Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)**

**Session 1 SVQ**

- Read Nahum 1 – God’s Wrath
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
  - **LEADERS:** There’s no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
  - **How does Nahum 1:3's portrayal of God as slow to anger but great in power challenge our understanding of divine justice and mercy?** Nahum 1:3 presents a paradoxical image of God, combining His attributes of patience and power. While some may perceive God's slowness to anger as leniency or indifference, this verse underscores His long-suffering nature, giving ample opportunity for repentance before executing judgment.
  - **How does Nahum 1:7's portrayal of God as both a stronghold and a refuge challenge our understanding of divine justice and mercy in the face of human suffering?** This challenges our tendency to view God's justice and mercy as mutually exclusive, highlighting His ability to balance both qualities perfectly. It prompts us to wrestle with questions of suffering and evil, recognizing that God's ways are higher than our own and trusting in His goodness even in the midst of adversity. Ultimately, Nahum 1:7 invites us to find hope and reassurance in the character of God, who remains steadfast and faithful amidst the uncertainties of life.
  - **How does Nahum 1:15 challenge our understanding of God's character, particularly His role as both a refuge for His people and a source of judgment for the wicked?** Nahum 1:15 presents a profound tension between God's attributes of mercy and justice. On one hand, it reaffirms God's promise to be a refuge for His people, offering protection and deliverance to those who trust in Him. This aspect of God's character brings comfort and assurance to believers, reminding them of His faithfulness and steadfast love.

**Session 2 SVQ**

- Read Nahum 2 – The Coming Doom
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
  - **LEADERS:** There’s no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.

- **In Nahum 2, we see Nineveh facing the consequences of its wickedness and violence. How does this passage illustrate the principle of divine judgment and the consequences of disobedience?** Nahum 2 vividly portrays Nineveh's downfall as a result of its sinful actions. The city's destruction serves as a warning of God's justice and the inevitable consequences of turning away from Him. This passage challenges us to consider the seriousness of sin and the importance of repentance in avoiding God's judgment.
- **Amidst the judgment on Nineveh, Nahum 2 also highlights God's protection and deliverance of His people. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness to His promises and His care for those who trust in Him?** Despite the devastation around them, Nahum 2 reassures God's people of His sovereign power and protection. The imagery of the city gates being breached and the river gates opened symbolizes the vulnerability of Nineveh's defenses against God's judgment. This passage reminds us that God is a refuge and stronghold for His people, providing safety and deliverance in times of trouble.
- **Nahum 2 emphasizes the certainty and inevitability of God's judgment on Nineveh. How does this passage challenge our understanding of God's patience and longsuffering towards the wicked, and what implications does it have for our own lives?** The swift and decisive nature of Nineveh's destruction in Nahum 2 underscores the severity of God's judgment on unrepentant sin. It serves as a reminder that God's patience has limits and that He will ultimately hold the wicked accountable for their actions. This passage challenges us to take sin seriously and to turn to God in repentance, knowing that His judgment is certain but also trusting in His mercy for those who seek Him.

### Session 3 SVQ

- Read Nahum 3 – The Hurt of Nineveh
- Video Teaching
- Leader Wisdom
- Questions
  - **LEADERS:** There's no pressure to get through all the questions, we suggest prayerfully planning your choices for your group. Your leadership of sharing and questioning will determine how deep your group goes with each question.
  - **In Nahum 3, what are some of the specific sins and atrocities committed by Nineveh that led to God's judgment?** In Nahum 3, Nineveh is condemned for its violence, deceit, and exploitation of other nations. The city's rulers and inhabitants are described as being morally corrupt and morally bankrupt, engaging in acts of cruelty and oppression. These sins ultimately lead to Nineveh's downfall and destruction at the hands of God's righteous judgment.
  - **Despite the severity of Nineveh's sins, what do we learn about God's character in Nahum 3 regarding His justice and mercy?** In Nahum 3, we see that God is just and righteous in His judgment against Nineveh. He cannot tolerate sin and wickedness indefinitely and holds nations accountable for their actions.

However, even in His judgment, God shows mercy by giving Nineveh ample opportunity to repent and turn from their evil ways. This reveals God's desire for reconciliation and restoration, even amidst His righteous anger.

- **How does the fall of Nineveh serve as a warning to other nations and individuals regarding the consequences of pride and wickedness?** The fall of Nineveh serves as a sobering reminder that no nation or individual is exempt from God's judgment. It highlights the consequences of pride, arrogance, and rebellion against God's commands. Just as Nineveh faced destruction due to its refusal to repent, other nations and individuals are warned of the dangers of persisting in sin and ignoring God's warnings. Nahum 3 challenges us to examine our own hearts and actions, ensuring that we humbly submit to God's will and live in accordance with His righteous standards.