

SVQ Guide Week 4
Jonah 3:1-5
Scripture, Video, Questions (SVQ)

Session 1 SVQ

- Read Jonah 3:1-2
- 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 Jonah 3:1-2, we see Jonah receiving a second chance to obey God's command to preach to the people of Nineveh. What can we learn from Jonah's response to this second opportunity, and how does it reflect the nature of God's grace and mercy?**
 - **How does Jonah's obedience in going to Nineveh despite his initial reluctance challenge our understanding of God's call to mission and the importance of humility in fulfilling His purposes?**
 - **Jonah's message to the people of Nineveh is concise yet powerful, consisting of only eight words in Hebrew. What significance can be found in the simplicity of Jonah's message, and how does it emphasize the urgency and seriousness of his warning?**
 - **Jonah's experience in Nineveh highlights the transformative power of repentance and the willingness of God to relent from His judgment when people turn from their wickedness. How does this narrative challenge our preconceived notions about God's character and His response to human disobedience?**
 - **How does Jonah's role as a prophet in delivering God's message to Nineveh foreshadow the ministry of Jesus Christ and His call to repentance and salvation for all nations? What parallels can be drawn between Jonah's mission to Nineveh and Jesus' ministry of reconciliation and redemption?**

Session 2 SVQ

- Read Jonah 3:3-4
- 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.
 - **What significance can be found in the specific details provided about Jonah's journey through Nineveh, including the distance he traveled and the duration**

of his proclamation? The detailed account of Jonah's journey through Nineveh underscores the extent of his obedience to God's command and the thoroughness of his proclamation. It highlights the vastness of the city and the magnitude of the task entrusted to Jonah, emphasizing the urgency and seriousness of the message he delivered.

- **How does the response of the people of Nineveh to Jonah's message challenge our understanding of divine judgment and the possibility of repentance?** The people of Nineveh's immediate and widespread response to Jonah's message demonstrates the transformative power of repentance and the depth of God's mercy. Their willingness to heed Jonah's warning and turn from their wickedness reveals God's desire for reconciliation and forgiveness, even for those considered beyond hope.
- **What role does Jonah play as a prophet in the events described in Jonah 3:3-4, and how does his obedience to God's command impact the outcome of his mission?** Jonah serves as God's instrument of judgment and mercy in Nineveh, delivering a message of warning and hope to the city. His obedience to God's command enables the people of Nineveh to hear and respond to God's word, leading to their repentance and salvation.
- **How does Jonah's experience in Nineveh challenge our perceptions of evangelism and the proclamation of God's word?** Jonah's experience in Nineveh challenges us to reconsider our attitudes toward evangelism and the inclusivity of God's message. It reminds us that God's grace extends to all people, regardless of their nationality or background, and that our role as messengers of God's word is to proclaim the truth with humility and compassion, trusting in God's power to bring about repentance and transformation.
- **In what ways does Jonah's experience in Nineveh foreshadow the mission of Jesus Christ and the universal call to repentance and salvation?** Jonah's experience in Nineveh foreshadows the mission of Jesus Christ in several ways, including his proclamation of God's word, the response of the people to his message, and the offer of forgiveness and reconciliation. It serves as a reminder of God's relentless pursuit of humanity and His desire for all people to repent and turn to Him for salvation.

Session 3 SVQ

- Read Jonah 3:5
- 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 the response of the Ninevites to Jonah's message of impending destruction reveal the transformative power of repentance, and what can we**

learn from their example about the nature of genuine contrition and spiritual renewal?

- **In what ways does the proclamation of a fast by the king of Nineveh in Jonah 3:5 demonstrate the collective responsibility and leadership of civil authorities in fostering spiritual revival and societal transformation, and how does this concept resonate with contemporary issues of leadership and governance?**
- **Reflecting on the magnitude of Nineveh's repentance and God's subsequent decision to relent from the disaster He had threatened, how does Jonah 3:5 challenge our perceptions of divine judgment and mercy, and what implications does this have for our understanding of God's character and His dealings with humanity?**