

## THE URGENT NEED TO REPENT

Jonah 3:1-10

Key verse: 5

*Discussion questions:*

- How is our city like Nineveh which is in need for repenting of its evil and violent ways?
- What encouragement can we find in how powerfully God used Jonah's preaching?

*Inductive study questions:*

1. What was God's command that came to Jonah a second time? (1-2) What does this second chance teach Jonah and us about God? (cf. Ps 86:15) How did Jonah respond? (3) What brought about this change in Jonah to obey God's command?
2. What was Jonah's message to the Ninevites? (4) How did the people respond to his message? (5-6) How significant is it to say "forty more days" and "overturned"? What showed the repentance of the people and how sincere it was?
3. What was the king's decree and urgent request? (7-9) How urgent is the need to preach the gospel message today? What evil and violent ways can we find in ourselves and others? How does God reveal his mercy to those who repent? (10)