

PROPHETS

JONAH 3



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE:
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GOD'S TRUTH WE STAND AND LIVE BY.

SERMON NOTES FOR JULY 20/21:

We are focusing on the following scripture for the week of July 15-21: We want to be a church that tips the culture of the South Valley toward vital relationship with Jesus. Planting God's Word in our lives, and seeking ways to multiply that Word in others is a concrete way this vision will happen.

Take some time this week with next week's sermon text and ask God to speak to you and your group through God's Word. Bring your notes next week to engage with the sermon!

OBSERVE: As **curious investigators**, look intently at the passage and mark characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, or other points of tension. Write down observations that were most striking:

INTERPRET: Form questions that will help get at *why* the text was written in this way; why the story was communicated with these particular words and facts. Focus on an observations from above and ask "why is this significant?"

APPLY: What is a concrete application this text is calling you, as a group or as individuals, to pursue? Two questions to help you formulate an application:

How does this passage challenge my current thinking about _____?

What is this passage asking of me or my community?

With whom do I need to share and live out this application?

SOME QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ASK AS YOU ENGAGE WITH THE SERMON

- What were some new observations in the text that God brought up through the sermon?
- Was there anything surprising or new in the way the pastor unpacked this text?
- What was the Key Idea from this week's sermon?
- What action will I take based on what I heard?

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³ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

RECOMMENDED HABITS FOR PERSONAL SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT

Spend a few moments in silence; ask God to be with you as you study His word and enable you to see what He wants to show you.

Read through the passage several times, ideally in multiple translations. Look at the passages before and after to see how it fits into the larger whole. Write down your first thoughts about what it is saying, how it might be important, and what questions it raises for you. What encouragement, challenge, hope, and message is this passage trying to convey? How does this passage invite you to pray for yourself and others? Write down one take-away for your personal growth.

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