

Jonah 3

The word of the Lord and the city of Nineveh v1-5

How does Jonah respond to the word of the Lord?

How do the Ninevites respond?

Why do you think God gives them forty days' warning? (Hint: you might want to think about 4:2)

The word of the Lord and the king of Nineveh v6-10

How does the King respond to the word of the Lord?

How do the details of what he does and says help us grasp the depth of his response?

What is God's response to all of this?

Thinking it through

What does this chapter teach us about the character and heart of God?

What effect should reading this chapter have had on:

- a) The people of Israel of Jonah's day? (see 2 Kings 17:5-23 for a description of what they were like)
- b) The religious establishment of Jesus' time? (see Matthew 12:38-42 for how Jesus applies this chapter to them)

What are a) the challenges and b) the encouragements of chapter three for Christians today?