

TO GO

1. Have you ever had anyone give you a second chance? Why did you need it? How did you feel about receiving it?
2. Read Jonah 3:1–2 and then Jonah 1:1–2. What similarities do you see between the two passages? What differences? Why do you think the author of Jonah arranges these verses as such? What do the similarities and differences indicate to us about God’s grace?
3. At the end of 3:2, God commands Jonah to call out against Nineveh with “the message that I tell you.” Why do you think God decided to be so specific with Jonah? Why is it important for those representing God to the world to make sure they are proclaiming *His* message and not their own? As you consider your job, your social life, your family, or your neighborhood, how and why is it so often tempting to deliver a message contrary to God’s word?
4. Read Jonah 3:3 and then Jonah 1:3. Again, what similarities and differences do you see between the passages? How do the differences indicate movement in the narrative?
5. Read Jonah 3:4. What might the mention of 40 days have to do with the invitation of the Ninevites to repent of their sin?
6. What are two possibilities for translating the Hebrew word for “overthrown”? Why might that particular word indicate not only a call to repentance, but also a call to grace?
7. How does your need for a second chance motivate you to extend God’s grace to others? Where is your Nineveh? What are you doing about God’s call to it?