Study Guide on Jonah 3:1-10

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?

2. What does this verse mean to me?

3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Jonah 3:1-10

(Jonah 3:1) The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,

(Jonah 3:2) "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

(Jonah 3:3) So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

(Jonah 3:4) Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

(Jonah 3:5) And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

(Jonah 3:6) When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

(Jonah 3:7) Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water.

(Jonah 3:8) Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands.

(Jonah 3:9) Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

(Jonah 3:10) When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?2. What does the verse mean to me?