



THE  
WORD

## SESSION SNAPSHOT

SECOND CHANCE MINISTRY

### NARRATIVE PASSAGE:

Jonah 1-4

### GOSPEL FOCUS:

Matthew 12:28-31

### TAKEAWAYS:

- Simple obedience is better than great intentions
- Make the most of second chances

### LAST WEEK'S READING:

- Jonah 1-2
- Jonah 3-4
- Hosea 1-3
- Amos 1:1; 9
- Joel 1-3

## STUDY THE WORD

***When is a time that putting something off came back to bite you?***

***What is Jonah's motivation for running from the Lord?***

***Do you sympathize with his reasoning? Why or why not?***

***Jonah had his own ideas about justice, and didn't think the people of Ninevah deserved it. Have you ever seen this mentality before?***

***Why is it encouraging to you that, even though Ninevah had a bad reputation, God was still intentional about seeking them out?***

***What about this prayer makes Jonah's repentance feel real?***

***What does true repentance look like?***

***When is a time you have experienced--or seen--true repentance?***

***Do you think that Ninevah's repentance was real? Why or why not?***

***Salvation comes through putting as much faith as you have in as much of Jesus as you know. Why is it encouraging to know that God's salvation isn't based on how much we know of Him, but only in His power?***

***The Gospel came to us because it was headed to someone else. How does Jonah's story affect the way you see your neighbors?***

***How can we as believers be more effective Gospel-bearers to the people around us?***

## APPLY THE WORD

Jonah's message from God was intended for someone who wasn't him; it was just his task to deliver it. Likewise, we've been given a similar charge by Jesus: to make disciples of all nations. We've been entrusted with a Gospel that was intended to be passed from us to someone else.

***Take stock of your attitudes. Are they you-centered or God-centered?***

***Consider your thoughts about the people around you. Are you harboring grudges or prejudices? Do you see people as enemies or as people in need of the Gospel?***

## PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK

***Next Week's Reading:***

- ***Isaiah 6; 9***
- ***Isaiah 44-45***
- ***Isaiah 52-53***
- ***Isaiah 65-66***