



### 3. REVIVAL IN NINEVEH

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#### **Sermon Notes**

**Text: Jonah 3:1-10**

#### **Intro:**

God's mercy extends to Jonah, not just for Jonah's sake, but for Nineveh's sake.

Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah's sermon was only 5 words in Hebrew.

*The power to transform is not in the preacher; the power is in the word of God.*

"Destroyed" = "Overturned/transformed/changed"

- Play on words. It represented the choice Nineveh had.

*People are relentlessly sinful, but God is relentlessly merciful.*

Jeremiah 18:7-8

*There was revival in Nineveh!*

#### **How does revival happen?**

1. Nominal Christians get converted

2. Sleepy Christians wake up

3. Non-Christians experience the presence of God among his people

#### **Conclusion:**

## Connect Group Discussion

### Warm up:

4. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?
5. When you hear the word "revival," what does it make you think about?

### Study & Discussion:

1. Jonah's sermon in Nineveh seems pretty weak, especially in comparison to its results. Why do you think that is? What is the importance of preaching today? How does it impact you?
2. God was threatening to destroy Nineveh in the same way he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:1-29). What do you think of this method of judgement? Do you think God would do something like this today? Why or why not?
3. Read Jonah 3:5-10. The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and covered themselves in burlap as physical acts to represent their repentance. Have you ever used physical symbols to represent repentance? What do you think would be some good ideas if you wanted to try it?

### Practice:

1. Revival starts when nominal Christians are converted and sleepy Christians wake up. Would you identify yourself in either of those categories? What needs to happen for you to experience personal revival?
2. Spend time praying for revival in our church and in our city!

### Prayer: