

# **Jonah—A Prophet on The Run**

## **Week Three – Chapter Three**

### **Chapter Highlights**

3:2 This second charge to Jonah omits the evil of Nineveh and requires Jonah to recall 1:2 by the words “deliver the message I have given you”

3:3 Either 3 days to “see it all” (NLT) or “go through it” (NIV) or “of three days’ journey” (KJV). Either comports with the Hebrew

3:4 What is missing from Jonah’s “shout out to the crowds of Nineveh”? Why did he not mention “the evil” which was seen by God and the cause of the city being destroyed?

3:5 How did the people know Jonah’s words were “God’s message”?

3:5 Fasting, burlap, and a heap of ashes in the ancient world? Israel and others used black goats hair cloth (burlap) for mourning

3:7-9 The Nineveh King’s amazing decree – people and animals.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What do you think about the King of Nineveh’s response to Jonah?
2. What would it take to make you bold enough to go into downtown Chicago and shout in a bull horn, “Forty days from now Chicago will be destroyed!”
3. Why do you think God changed his mind and did not destroy Nineveh?
4. What does it say about your theology to hear that God “changed his mind?”
5. Other reactions, reflections, and questions from chapter three?