



**JONAH**  
Inside all of us

## The Jonah Inside All of Us - Week 3

### Message Discussion Questions

#### Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called: 'The Jonah Inside All of Us'. What do you remember about the story of Jonah? Does it seem like Jonah can teach you anything new? For this series we will be looking at what each of us has inside of us that is like Jonah.

For Part 3 we move on to Jonah Chapter 3 to see what happens next with Jonah when God gives him another chance to obey.

#### Questions:

1. Why is it important that the Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time? How was this a 'mulligan' for Jonah? Are you in need of a 'mulligan', do you need a second chance? Jonah 3:1
2. If delayed obedience is really disobedience, why is it important that there is 'no lag time' in Jonah's response? What does that tell you about Jonah's spiritual maturity? If the word that is translated 'Go' really means 'Go Now', how much 'lag time' is there in your response to God? Jonah 3:2
3. What changed this time with Jonah so that he now obeyed the Word of the Lord? What made this time different for Jonah? Are you prepared to obey the Word of the Lord, no matter how you may have responded in the past? Jonah 3:3
4. If the word 'started' is translated from the Hebrew word 'chalalbow', why did Jonah have to loosen or untie himself so that he could completely follow God? Why is that important when you are facing a crisis of belief? What do you need to loosen or untie that is holding you back, so that you can completely follow

God? Jonah 3:4

5. What is the double meaning of the Hebrew word from Jonah's message to the Ninevites that is translated 'overturned'? Why was this message difficult for Jonah and offensive to Nineveh? Do you need your life to be overturned (completely changed)? Jonah 3:4
6. Why was it hard for anyone to accept that the Ninevites believed God and repented? Are there modern day examples that would be hard for you to accept if they suddenly believed God and repented? Jonah 3:5
7. What did the Ninevites do that proves they believed God and repented? What does this tell you about the possibilities for someone who thinks that they are too far away from God to be given a second chance? Jonah 3:6-10

**Key Takeaway:** *God is the God of mercy, the God of compassion, the God of second chances. He gave Jonah a second chance and then He gave the Ninevites a second chance. Are you in need of a mulligan, a second chance? The clock is ticking and time is short, isn't it time to repent and turn back to God? He loves you still...*

### **Summary:**

- The Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, how was this a mulligan for Jonah?
- 'Go now', delayed obedience is really disobedience
- This time Jonah obeyed the Word of the Lord
- Chalalbow = started, to untie or to loosen from crisis of belief
- Overturned double meaning = destroyed or forever changed
- Why was it hard to believe that the Ninevites believed God and repented?
- No one is too far away from God, if you repent and turn to God He will have compassion and give you a second chance