

# **Jonah 3: "A God of Second Chances"**

**March 10, 2019      Joel Goff, Interim Pastor**

Discussion Questions:

1. Last week Cornerstone was blessed to host the Choir from Teen Challenge. Share the impact of the service and the stories you heard on your own personal faith? With whom did you share that experience at work or school on Monday. (I know that we are perhaps hesitant to share such things but really, we share other important weekend activities when we get to work/school on Monday why not something like this. Everyone needs some good news)
2. Take some time to tell about a second chance you experienced in your life that continues to be meaningful today. Share now a time when you have given multiple chances to someone else. How did it eventually work out? Did more chances finally work? If not then what was your eventual response?
3. Two weeks ago we saw that Jonah made all kinds of promises while in the belly of the fish. What are some promises you have made to God when you were in that crises? Did you like Jonah follow through on those promises when released from the situation? Why or why not?
4. God's Word is the most reliable source when it comes to knowing and understanding what God's desires are for our lives. I Timothy 3: 16 tells us that it "teaches, rebukes, corrects and trains" us. All of these words have the meaning of substantive changes in our lives. We are to be different after we hear, understand and apply God's speaking to us. Pastor Joel shared an illustration of God's speaking to him this past week. How is God bringing about change in your life and what steps are you taking to obey?
5. Sometimes we think that we have made significant changes in our lives but no one seems to notice. At other times we feel that we are getting nowhere when in fact those around us are seeing important changes. Part of the blessing of a life-group is the joy of encouraging each other by acknowledging the changes we see in people we are close to. Take a risk in your group and identify changes you have seen in a group member. Close the time in pray of thanks for God's ongoing work in everyone's lives.