

**The City:**  
**Jonah's Half-Hearted Obedience & Nineveh's Whole-Hearted Faith**  
**Jonah 3:1-5**  
January 8-9, 2022

- Midway-Comparing Jonah 1-2 & Jonah 3-4

**The Call To The City**

- 5x Nineveh Is Named
- 3x City (2x Great City)
- What Was Nineveh Like? What Is Our City Like?
- The Call To The City:
  - We Are Called To The City (**Jer. 29:5-7 & 1 Peter 2:11-12**)
  - We Are Called To Call Out To The City (**Acts 1:8**)

**Our Orientation & Disorientation In The City**

1. Orientation & Disorientation: To, Through, & Out Of The City
2. Orientation & Disorientation: Tension Between Judgment & Mercy
  - הָפַק (Haphak) - To Overturn, To Turn, (**Gen. 19:21, 29; Prov. 17:20 & Ex. 7:15**)
3. Orientation & Disorientation: Tension Between God & Man
4. A One Day City Or a Three Day City?
  - It Is One Thing To Begin a Work, But Another To Complete It

**God's Work In The City**

- God's Work Can Be Mysterious (More next week in **Jonah 3:6-10**)
- God's Work Can Appear Suddenly
- God's Secret Work Of Mercy & Judgement Appears Suddenly In Christ At The Cross (**Heb. 13:12-14**)

**God's Work In Our Work, In The City**

- God Works Through Our Work But Is Not Limited By Our Work (Look at Jonah!)
- While Jonah Departs Nineveh Responds To His Message:
  1. Faith: "Nineveh believed God"
  2. Fasting: "They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them."

*If God Can Use A Prophet Like Jonah To Reach A City Like Nineveh  
God Can Use People Like Us To Reach A City Like This!*

## Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. How do Jonah chapters 1-2 compare to Jonah chapters 3-4? How do they contrast?
2. What is your attitude toward the city? Do you love the city? Do you struggle to love the city? What can make cities a struggle to love?
3. Consider the other sections of the book of Jonah. Given that context, why do you think Jonah rushed through the city so quickly?
4. How does the Gospel satisfy both the need for judgment and for mercy? How should this affect our attitude toward the city we live in?
5. God is at work in the city. How do you see God's work in the city? How is Christ at work today in our city? How do you see the good news about Jesus changing lives?
6. Discuss Nineveh's response (Faith & Fasting). What would it look like in your life to wholeheartedly believe what God has revealed? What would it look like for our city to wholeheartedly believe God? (*Take some time to pray for God to do this work in our city and in our church.*)