



When we share the gospel, we often start at the wrong place, the fall. This is where our issues began, and why we need to be saved. This is true, but we forget that the gospel starts with Adam and Eve created perfectly. The message of the gospel is God restoring his creation back to perfection. Today we see this message on full display, as Nineveh serves as a test case for how to evangelize and how to respond to the gospel.

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 98:1-3

Songs of Praise

The Lion and the Lamb

Good Good Father

Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #12

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are

Offering

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Song of Declaration

Come As You Are

Confession of Sin

Thou Blessed Spirit, author of all grace and comfort, come, work repentance in my soul; Represent sin to me in its odious colors that I may hate it; Melt my heart by the majesty and mercy of God; Show me my ruined self and the help there is in him; Teach me to behold my creator, his ability to save, his arms outstretched, his heart big for me. May I confide in his power and love, commit my soul to him without reserve, bear his image, observe his laws, pursue his service, and be through time and eternity a monument to the efficacy of his grace, a trophy of his victory. Make me willing to be saved in his way, perceiving nothing in myself, but all in Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 55:6-9

Children's Message

Sermon - A Call to Repentance

Sermon Scripture - [Jonah 3:1-10](#)

Judgment

- What uncomfortable truth is presented in [Jonah 3:4](#)?
 - ◊ [Psalm 51:3-5](#)
 - ◊ [Jonah 1:2](#)
 - ◊ [Jonah 3:2](#)
- Can anyone say they didn't have a chance to repent ([Romans 1:18-20](#))?

- What allows Jonah to go to Nineveh now?

Repentance

- What allows anyone to repent?

- ◊ *It was not the force of the argument presented by the prophet that moved the people. It was the power of God's truth that pierced to the heart. Never rely on your own persuasive powers as the way to save sinners. Never wait until you have confidence in yourself to speak up for Christ. It is God and his truth that people believe. You must remain only the instrument. - O. Palmer Robertson*

- What is repentance?

- ◊ *Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner having truly realized his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience. - Westminster Shorter Catechism #87*

- Do we see the two aspects of repentance in Nineveh?

- ◊ [Jonah 3:5-9](#)

Restoration

- Why should the people of Nineveh be confident in God's mercy?

- ◊ [Jonah 3:8-9](#)

- How does this passage make it clear this is still God's story?

- How does God offer restoration?

Song of Response

Way Maker

Benediction

1. How would you share the gospel with an interested person?
2. Read [Psalm 51:3-5](#). How does understanding our sin and nature help us understand the judgment of God?

3. WSC #87 says repentance involves turning from sin and turning towards God. Have you thought of repentance in this way?

4. Have you ever participated in a fast for any length of time? What led you to do it and how was your experience. If you haven't, have you ever considered fasting?

5. What Bible stories stand out to you as showcasing God's faithfulness and mercy to his people?

6. What book(s) would you most like to study in the future? Why?