



Comparing Cities

**Are we quick to
repent or to resist?**

SERIES SUMMARY

Most people know Jonah as the story of a runaway prophet and a great fish. But Jonah is far more than a children's story. It is a story about reluctant obedience, unexpected mercy, and God's relentless pursuit. As we explore this remarkable little book together, we'll find that God is not only pursuing Nineveh or even Jonah—He is patiently shaping the hearts of all who are willing to follow Him.

As we compare Jonah's story with the life and teachings of Jesus, we'll discover that God's greatest work isn't just changing our circumstances—it's changing us.

ICEBREAKER

If you had to live in the middle of a big city, which one would you choose?

SCRIPTURE

JONAH: Jonah 3

GOSPEL: Luke 11:29-32



LEARNING FROM HIS STORY

1. Why do you think some cities repent while others refuse?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he said, "something greater than Jonah is here" (Luke 11:32)?
3. Can you think of any modern examples of cities or nations repenting in some way?

EXAMINING OUR OWN STORY

4. Would your bosses (past or present) classify you as someone who is "teachable" or stubborn?
5. When the Holy Spirit convicts you, is your first impulse defensiveness or shame or _____?
6. Have you ever done something like fasting as part of repentance? What does repentance usually look like for you?

WRITING A NEW STORY

7. What would be the potential benefits of a daily practice of confession & repentance?
8. Can you think of any pitfalls to avoid in such a daily routine?
9. Can you think of ways we can help instill in our kids/grandkids a quickness to repent?

TAKING TIME TO PRAY

Father, give us soft hearts that are quick to listen, quick to repent, and eager to follow wherever You lead. Amen.

