

# THE RELUCTANT MISSIONARY

The Book of Jonah

Sharing our faith In a changing world



Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: 2 "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." 3 Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. 4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

**JONAH 3:1-4**







# Cultural Shifts in the West

## POST-MODERNISM

From objective truth to self-opinion

From authority to autonomy





# Cultural Shifts in the West

## POST-MODERNISM

From objective truth to self-opinion  
From authority to autonomy

## POST-CHRISTIAN

Majority to minority  
Center to fringe  
Respected to disrespected



# 50s

## CONVICTION MOMENTS

4 Spiritual Laws, Billy Graham, Sunday Revivals, Street/Beach Missions, Guest Sundays

POPULAR

RELEVANT

INQUISITIVE

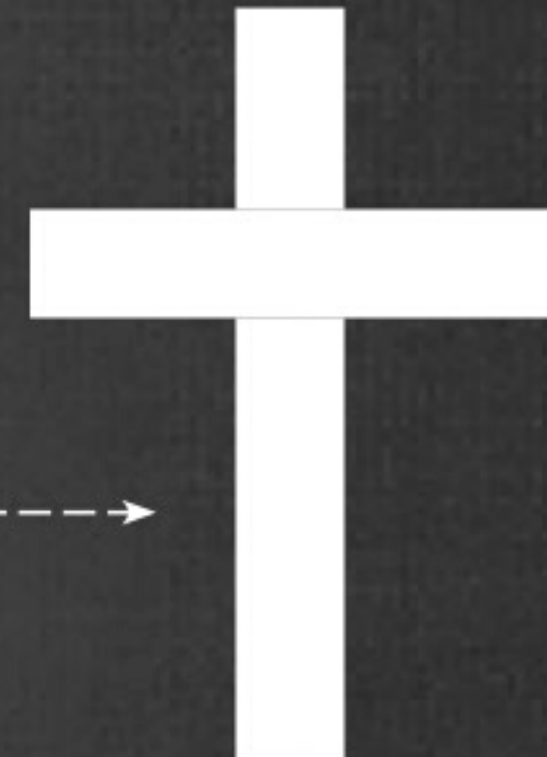
TRUE

RESPECT

JESUS



CONVICTION



# 70s / 80s

## OFFER PROOF

Evidence, Books, Bible Studies, Contemporary Seeker-Sensitive Services

## PROOF + CONVICTION

POPULAR

INQUISITIVE

RESPECT



BORING

IRRELEVANT

UNTRUE

WHY IS JESUS GOD?





2019

PROOF + CONVICTION NOT ENOUGH

UNAWARE

EXPERIENTIAL

HARMFUL

SELF-DISCOVERY

REJECTED

PERSONAL TRUTH

UNPOPULAR

INTOLERANT





4 Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."5 The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. 6 When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust... 10 When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

**JONAH 3:4-10**







# 3 STEPS TO SHARING YOUR FAITH IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

1. Be a provocative *friend*



# 3 STEPS TO SHARING YOUR FAITH IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

1. Be a provocative *friend*
2. *Share* what God has done for you



# 3 STEPS TO SHARING YOUR FAITH IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

1. Be a provocative *friend*
2. *Share* what God has done for you
3. *Invite* them to meet your church family



9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." 10 But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

**JONAH 4:9-11**



