

Jonah's _____

His _____

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Nineveh's _____

Their _____

Their _____

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Our _____

His _____

1. God created us for His _____.
 - Isa 43.6-7
2. Every human should _____ for His glory.
 - 1 Cor 10.31; Matt 22.37; Matt 5.16
3. We have all _____ and fallen short of God's glory.
 - Rom 3.23; Rom 1.21-23
4. We all therefore _____ eternal punishment.
 - Rom 6.23; 1 Thes 1.9; Matt 25.46
5. In His great _____ God sent forth His only Son Jesus Christ to provide for sinners the way of eternal life.
 - John 3.16; Gal 3.13; 1 Pet 3.18

Our _____

Your _____

Group Questions

1. Donald Whitney says, “I think the seriousness of evangelism is the main reason it frightens us. We realize that in talking with someone about Christ, heaven and hell are at stake. The eternal destiny of the person looms before us. And even when we rightly believe that the results of this encounter rest in God’s hands and that we bear no accountability for the person’s response to the gospel, we still sense a solemn duty to communicate the message faithfully, as well as the holy dread of saying or doing anything that might rise as a stumbling block to this person’s salvation” (Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines*, 123).
 - a. Give reasons why you think someone might sense a concern about being a stumbling block even when he understands the Lord must provide power for a saving response to the gospel.
2. Consider the last time you failed to respond faithfully to an opportunity or prompting to share the gospel with an unbeliever. What do you need to do to be prepared to share immediately the next time a similar situation arises?
3. Jonah’s message was simple; it was five words long in the Hebrew text. What is the most simple way you can share the gospel message without omitting its necessary aspects?
4. Think of the last evangelistic sermon you heard that included a call to repentance from sin. How did the congregation respond?
 - a. What were you hoping would be the response of people and why?
 - b. What does this tell you about how you feel about preaching the need for repentance?
5. Based on [Jonah 1–3](#), what sort of attitude do you think Jonah should have had toward both God and the Ninevites when the Lord gave him the command a second time?
 - a. Why do you feel he should have had such an attitude?
 - b. What emotions do you think he should be feeling and why?
6. Jonah’s preaching of the Lord’s message brings a contrast between two kings—the king of Nineveh and Christ the King. How is Christ exalted as the true King by Jonah’s preaching and the king’s response?
 - a. What might this tell you about how God is glorified through our proclamation of the gospel?
7. In place of courageously, verbally proclaiming the gospel of Christ, it is common for modern believers to bring an unbelieving friend to church to hear the gospel, hoping the sermon will do the work of evangelism instead. Based on your reading of [Jonah 3](#), in tandem with [Matthew 28:19-20](#) how is this idea slightly wrong-headed?
8. In a modern setting, how might a group of evangelical churches proclaim the gospel to every resident within a city?
 - a. How might a group of believers contribute to an effort to see the gospel proclaimed to their city and state leaders?
 - b. What might these efforts mean for any one church’s traditional ministry programming and yearly budget?
9. Consider the following passages: [Acts 2:36–41](#); [4:13–22](#); [5:27–42](#); [7:51–58](#); [13:42–46](#); [17:32–34](#). What types of responses do people give to the apostles’ preaching of Christ?
 - a. What might these varied responses tell you about the type of response Nineveh gave to Jonah’s preaching?
 - b. What might it tell you about the type of response you may receive if you make it a habit to share your faith with unbelievers regularly, courageously, zealously, and boldly?
10. What confidence do you gain from knowing the Lord is immutable (unchangeable)? How does His immutability strengthen your hope for the salvation of your lost friends and relatives?
 - a. How might this truth also affect your thinking about sharing the gospel without shame or fear?