

Jonah

(week 4 – chapter 3)

1. If a genuine repentance and turning to God were to occur in Australia, what signs would you expect to see?

Read Jonah chapter 3

Here in chapter 3 we see yet again a great demonstration of God's gracious and steadfast love. We learn that "the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time". As one who had been given such a great responsibility and who had so clearly openly rebelled against God, he deserved nothing but judgment. We see however, that God does not act as Jonah deserves. God shows mercy and forgiveness in not discarding his disobedient prophet, and gives him another chance to speak the word of God.

2. How do you think Jonah would have felt about being given a second chance?
3. How did the Ninevites respond to Jonah's proclamation in verse 4?
4. What are the signs of repentance that are displayed by the Ninevites in the following areas:
 - a. How they thought –
 - b. What they said –
 - c. How they acted –

5. Read the following passages that describe repentance. Put together a 'profile' of what a repentant person looks like from these passages:
 - a. 2 Kings 22-23

 - b. Ezra 9:1-10:17

 - c. Daniel 9:1-19

 - d. Luke 18:9-14

6. How and why does the LORD respond to the Ninevites?

7. What are some areas of your life in which you feel there is a need for repentance? (If you have not felt convicted by the need to change recently, why do you think this might be and what can you do about it?)

8. What steps are you going to take to demonstrate the sincerity of your repentance?