Jonah 3

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God's message of judgment requires a response

I. God speaks of a coming judgment (1-4)

II. The Guilty believe what they hear and repent (5-9)

III. God's judgment was swallowed up in mercy (10)

How will you respond to God's message?

Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.** The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. God repeated His instructions and this time Jonah obeyed (1-3). What does this reveal about God's mercy towards sinners?

2. If v. 4 is a summary of God/Jonah's message, what part of the gospel is being emphasized (holy God, sinful man, Christ the sin-substitute; our response)

3. Discuss the encouragements you find in vv. 4-9 as it relates to your efforts to share Christ's message of reconciliation.

4. Effective leaders use words and actions to spur others on to right and good things (6-9). Where might God be calling you to use your 'influence' for the good of others?

5. V. 10, is a beautiful statement of God's mercy! How does seeing God's mercy and knowing His heart for sinners (both unbelieving and believing sinners) motivate you to share the gospel? How does seeing God change lives through the 'foolishness' of proclaiming the good news, encourage you to proclaim His word rather than innovate (1 Cor. 1:20-31)?