

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

Sunday 15th August 2021 Mervyn Hill

Bible Passages

Jonah 3:1-10

Theme & Introduction

‘The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.’ We see in this chapter how Jonah was given a second chance and then obeyed God. We go on to see the result of his obedience in the repentance of the Ninevites

Questions

- 1) Read Jonah ch.3 in silence for a while and then share anything particular that strikes you.
- 2) Jonah had a second chance. Two more examples of second chances being given to those who have sinned against God: David’s second chance, after his adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12 esp. v13) and Paul (1 Cor. 15:7-9) Has God ever given you a second chance to fulfil a call from God you initially walked away from? Do you think you deserved a second chance?
- 3) Though Jonah disobeyed and ran from God, the Lord restored, reinstated, and re-commissioned him to do a work that led to one of the greatest revivals in history. How does the story of Jonah bring you encouragement, and how can you use it to encourage others?
- 4) We have seen how Jonah repented and also the amazing repentance of the Ninevites. How important is repentance in your life and within the church.? For eg. Why do we have a time of confession in most of our church services?
- 5) God was concerned for the people of Nineveh. How does our concern for others line up with God’s concern for the Ninevites?