

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Jonah 3: Why Change?

1) When were you last given a second chance?

2) Read **Jonah 3v1-10**. What's the one thing from Rich's message that you to talk about at small group? Why?

3) Read **Isaiah 55v6-7**

a) i) What aspects of repentance are described here?

ii) What does this passage tell us about God?

b) Read **Luke 15v11-32**

i) In what ways is the younger son like Jonah?

In what ways are you like the younger son?

What does the younger son teach us about repentance?

ii) In what ways is the older son like Jonah?

In what ways are you like the older son?

What would repentance look like for the older son?

iii) In what ways is the Father like the gracious and compassionate God in the book of Jonah?

What does this parable teach us about God's response to repentance?

How does this enlarge your personal understanding of God?

iv) Is there anything you need to repent of as a result of studying this passage?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read **2 Peter 3v3-10 & Romans 2v4**.

- a) What future global event is Peter referring to in this passage
- b) What objection to the Christian faith is Peter addressing?
- c) What reason does he give for the apparent delay?
- d) What does verse 9 tell us about God's desire for every body?
- e) How is this attitude shown in the book of Jonah?
- f) What theological difficulties does this give you?
- g) What personal challenges should this verse give to you? How will you actively respond to this challenge?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Alpha has started this week. Please pray for a good turn out and for guests to settle in to the course well. Pray for Jeff who is running the course, Jane who is leading the other group discussion and for Rich who speaking this week.

Please pray for the work in **Rehoboth Church Lesotho**. Pray for their pastor Pete West as he works on developing their Leadership team. Please pray for Rob Ferns who is out there at the moment continuing to be heavily involved in the medical work.

CONNECT WITH CHURCH LIFE

'ORIGINS' - A Celebration of Creativity. Saturday 28th September 7pm in the Church building. Chrissie has gathered an excellent choir to present her new musical portrayal of events in the Garden of Eden. Alongside this we have an exhibition of art work, with contributions from Art Pad members and beyond. (Many works will also be available to buy). Drinks, cheese and nibbles are included in the entry price of £2 (on the door). This will be an informal, sociable evening... Bring your friends!

The next **Quiz Night** is on **Saturday 12th October @ 7.30pm**. Tickets are **£8 including fish and chips**. See Jamie for more information.

The next **Parenting Course** starts on **Wednesday 6th November, 7.45pm**. For more information and to book a place please speak to Al.