Rebel Prophet Rebel Prophet, Repentant City, Kind Of...

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Jonah 3

Big Idea: What Jonah meant for destruction, God meant for redemption.

- 1. Jonah obeys, kind of... (Jonah 3:1-4)
 - A. What Jonah meant for destruction, God meant for redemption.
- 2. Nineveh repents, kind of...(Jonah 3:5-9)
 - A. God is "a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and one who relents from sending disaster." **Jonah 4:2b**
 - B. "The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching."

 Matthew 12:41

- 3. God relents (Jonah 3:10)
 - A. "At one moment I might announce concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will uproot, tear down, and destroy it. However, if that nation about which I have made the announcement turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the disaster I had planned to do to it." Jeremiah 18:7-8

Message questions

We continue our journey through *God's Story* in our third series called, *Rebel Prophet*. We're in the book of Jonah, discovering that Jonah is given a mission and mandate by God to deliver a message, but the twist of this book is that Jonah doesn't want to be a prophet. As we look at our own hearts, do we truly desire to bring God's message to those who need to hear it? This week our Big Idea is *What Jonah meant for destruction, God meant for redemption*. Our passage this week is **Jonah 3**.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can ${\bf grow}$ as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can ${\bf go}$ accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1.	What stuck out to you from this weekend's message and Jonah's message
	for Nineveh?

2. Have someone read **Jonah 3:1-5.** What do we learn about God in the midst of Jonah's lackluster message?

3.	Jonah's obedience is clearly measured, limited, and half-hearted. Share amongst your group a time in which you had a "kind of" obedience.
4.	Nineveh repents—kind of. How does repentance show up in your life and cause you to grow in your relationship with Jesus?
5.	What relationships in your life seem the farthest from God? What are ways you can go to them in a meaningful way?

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