



## An Uncomfortable Commission (Jonah 3:1-2)

*“Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Ninevah and proclaim to it the message I give you.”*

See also: Matthew 28:19  
*The Great Commission*

## Significant Steps (v.3)

*“Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Ninevah”*

- Beginning to ‘walk’ in God ways (v.4)

See also: Zechariah 3:3-10

## A Few Reluctant words (v.4)

*“He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Ninevah will be overturned.”*

- The kindness of warnings

## Believing God (v.5)

*“The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.”*

## Whole-hearted Repentance (v.6-9)

- Changing your position (v.6)

- Giving up your old ways (v.8)

- Not presumptuous (v.9)

### Living in the sight of God (v.10)

*“When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.”*

### Equipped with the Word

*“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)*

What few words from the Bible  
could you share with someone this week?



## Growth group questions

You will find it helpful to have heard the talk so why not listen at:

<http://leightonbaptists.org.uk/media-links/current-teaching/>

*Some of these questions are personal and others are more general. Feel free to pick and choose which questions your group will find most helpful.*

1. Read Jonah 3: 1-4.

Have you ever tried to share a verse or verses from the Bible with a non-Christian? What verse did you share and how did it go?

2. Read verse 5.

The gospel is meant to provoke a response – good or bad. How does the fear of causing offence effect your willingness to talk about Jesus?

3. Look up Romans 6:23 (what we *earn* vs the *gift* of God) and 1 Peter 3:18a (the *swap* Jesus offers us).

a) How are these verses really ‘warnings of love’?

b) How are they different to just saying ‘God loves you’?\*

4. Read Jonah 3:6-10.

Are there significant moments where you’ve turned away from part(s) of your old life so you could follow Jesus? What does it mean for us to continually do that? This is the call of Matthew 3:8.

Pray for the courage to turn from old ways and to both live and speak up for Jesus.

*\*Both Chris Pratt’s recent MTV Awards speech and/or the recent Royal wedding sermon (easily found by Googling “Chris Pratt MTV Awards” or “Royal wedding sermon”) talk of God’s love. But how valuable are they? Do they give any ‘loving warnings’?*