

Lesson 4

Reading Jonah 3:1-5

1. What does God refer to Nineveh as? what are the common definitions for this word in the bible?
2. Research the size of Nineveh (compare commentaries with maps) What measurement is likely meant by '3 days journey'?
3. Compare Jon 1:2 with 3:2-4 – Did Jonah obey. what similarities or differences are there in the two commands?
4. We notice that Jonah doesn't encourage the people to repent. What different explanations might account for this?
5. Though no explicit message of repentance was given to Jonah, what in the text and story implies it?
6. What is significant in the phrase that describes their repentance?
7. How long did it take for people to repent and what might account for this?
8. What applicable lessons might we take from this text?