



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 16 October 2022 Jonah #4

Please read Jonah 1.1-2; 2.8-9; 3.1-10

1. What struck you most from Sunday's sermon?

Please read again Jonah 1.1-2; 2.8-9; 3.4

2. What is God revealing to the Ninevites through Jonah's prophetic message?
3. Why does God give them 40 more days before carrying out His judgement?
4. Please read **Acts 17.30-31** and **2 Peter 3.9-10**. How is the message of God's judgement and His patience relevant to our time and society too?

Please read again Jonah 3.5-10

5. How do the people respond to God's revelation about them and His judgement of them?
6. How is the spiritual and social restoration of their society related? (**Read also Proverbs 9.10**)

In Martin Luther King, Jr's iconic 'I Have a Dream' speech in Washington on August 28, 1963, he quoted from Amos 5.24 in the bible. "Let Justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream"

Throughout his years of protesting he pointedly and repeatedly raised the questions...

Who's version of Justice is intended to roll down in society? – white America's or God's?

Who's version of righteousness is intended to flow like a might stream in society?

7. Why are these questions important ones to raise (and answer) in our society too?
8. Why is it important that we credit God when we work for God's versions of justice and righteousness in our society?

God used the very imperfect, very reluctant prophet Jonah, to bring an alarming prophetic word from God to the city of Nineveh. They turned to God in humility and repentance. They also turned from their 'evil ways and their violence' – a spiritual and societal revolution.

9. How does this encourage you as an Ambassador of Christ in our society?