

# **“Don’t Repent of Your Repentance”**

## **Sermon Reflection Questions February 28, 2010**

### **Nahum 1.1-11, Unlocking the Old Testament**

Last week we looked the ministry of Jonah, the hard hearted prophet. God had called him to Nineveh and he didn’t want to go to Nineveh. But after his encounter with the whale he followed God’s instruction and went and preached to Nineties that God would bring His judgment upon them because of their great sin. The Nineties repented, which did not make Jonah happy, and God spared them from destruction. However it is not long after their repentance and being spared of judgment that they are back to the same sins and mistreatment of other people as they used to be prior to Jonah’s ministry.

So God sends another prophet Nahum who blasts the Nineties for repenting of their repentance. This is to say that they had originally turned from the wrong that they were doing, but now they had turned back to those same sins. God brings warning from Nahum that their city would be destroyed, which ended up occurring by the rule of the Assyrians. However in the midst of God’s judgment against the Nineties, He gives a glimmer of hope for those in Nineveh who desire to hold strong to the call of the Lord.

1. It is easy to get stuck in “habitual” sin. Habitual sin is the sin that we often repeat over and over again.
  - a. What kinds of sin do people tend have as habitually?
  - b. How do we often excuse habitual sin?
  - c. What does 1 John 3:1-10 (specifically verse 6) about the nature of habitual sin?
2. How come it is easy to fall into pattern’s of habitual sin? (i.e. what things pull us into patterns of habitual sin.)
3. If you can be honest where are places where you struggle with habitual sin?
4. One of the things I said in the message is that we want to listen to where God is working to form us right now. Where is God working in your life, where is He wanting to mold and shape you in His image?
5. Periodically I think it is helpful to take an overview of our spiritual maturity. Attached to this study is the questionnaire that we use to help people take a look at their own spiritual maturity. Take 15-20 minutes to answer the questions to help determine how God is wanting to form and shape you right now.
  - a. Where do you feel God is working on you and calling you to be transformed right now?
  - b. What do you need to do in order to let God work in this way?
  - c. What will be the distractions or temptations that will keep you from allowing God to change and mold you right now.

**“Don’t Repent of Your Repentance”**  
**Sermon Reflection Questions February 28, 2010**  
**Nahum 1.1-11, Unlocking the Old Testament**

d. What do you need to do to ensure that these temptations and distractions don’t derail God’s work in your life.

6. Nahum 1:7 gives hope for those who don’t want to follow the crowd who are turning back to the ways of old sin. What is God’s promise through Nahum 1:7 and how does the promise encourage you?