**Jonah Preached & Nineveh Repented**

**Introduction: Often there are multiple lessons from a single Bible event. Such is the case with Jonah. Here is one of the most popular accounts in the Old Testament.**

**I) Background**

**A) Nineveh was the capital of .**

**B) Jonah**

1. **Chapter 1** Jonah is told to go and to Nineveh.

2. **Chapter 2** Jonah is swallowed by a “ ”.

3. **Chapter 3** we have the preaching of Jonah.

4. **Chapter 4** Jonah’s reaction to the repentance of Nineveh.

**II) The Lessons From Chapter 3**

**A) Jonah preached**

1 Jonah was preaching to a people he considered unworthy of God’s grace.

2. Yet once he went to them, he preached the word of God.

3. We don’t have the specifics of what Jonah preached except it one of repentance.

4. Think of going to a foreign group of people and preaching a message you don’t what to preach to a group of people who don’t want to hear what you are preaching.

a. Jonah did so with .

b. We don’t always get to decide the nor the .

c. Paul preached the of God, **Acts 20.27.**

d. He instructed Timothy , **2 Timothy 4.2-3**.

e. John preached against to Herod, **Mark 6.18**

f. Jesus preached against the pretensions prevalent in that days religions.

4. We don’t decide the , the , or the of the people.

5. We are to preach the truth and with conviction, **2 Timothy 4.2**

**B) The people of Nineveh**

1. You have to give them credit for listening to what was actually being said .

2. This was a warning sent from God, enabling them to actually escape judgment.

3. They could have simply rejected the message due to the speaker, or the subject matter.

4. Instead they actually listened to the message.**. Mark 4.9, Matthew 10.4.**

5. Are we as good of listeners as the people of Nineveh? **James 1.19**

6. What do we do when someone delivers a message of repentance?

Conclusion: Remember our duty is to spread the word to all mankind. We do not determine the conditions of salvation, the audience, or their response. Sometimes we are the audience need to listen to what is being said. It may demand a change in life, obedience of the Gospel, repentance, etc. The audience does not determine the message of salvation, only their response.