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### **Introduction**

Overview of the Book of Jonah, emphasizing its message of obedience, repentance, and God's mercy. Invitation to explore Jonah 1:1-3, setting the stage for Jonah's mission to Nineveh and his initial disobedience.

### **I. Jonah's Disobedience and Flight**

Discussion on Jonah's attempt to flee from God's command, highlighting Jonah 1:3. Reflection on the consequences of running from God and the lesson of divine pursuit.

### **II. The Great Fish: A Turning Point**

Examination of Jonah's time in the belly of the great fish (Jonah 1:17), focusing on themes of repentance and prayer. Insights into how adversity leads to reflection and transformation.

### **III. Nineveh's Repentance and Salvation**

Analysis of Jonah's obedience to God's second command and his message to Nineveh (Jonah 3:1-10). Emphasis on the power of repentance and God's willingness to forgive, showcasing Nineveh's collective turning towards God.

### **IV. Personal Application: Responding to God's Call**

Encouragement for listeners to reflect on their own experiences of fleeing from or obeying God's calls. Discussion on the importance of faith, repentance, and obedience in the believer's life.

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### **V. The Mercy of God**

Reflection on the overarching theme of God's mercy throughout Jonah's story. Encouragement to embrace God's forgiveness and to extend grace and mercy to others.

### **Conclusion**

Challenge to the congregation to face their fears and doubts with faith and to be obedient to God's will. Closing prayer for courage, faithfulness, and an open heart to God's calling.