



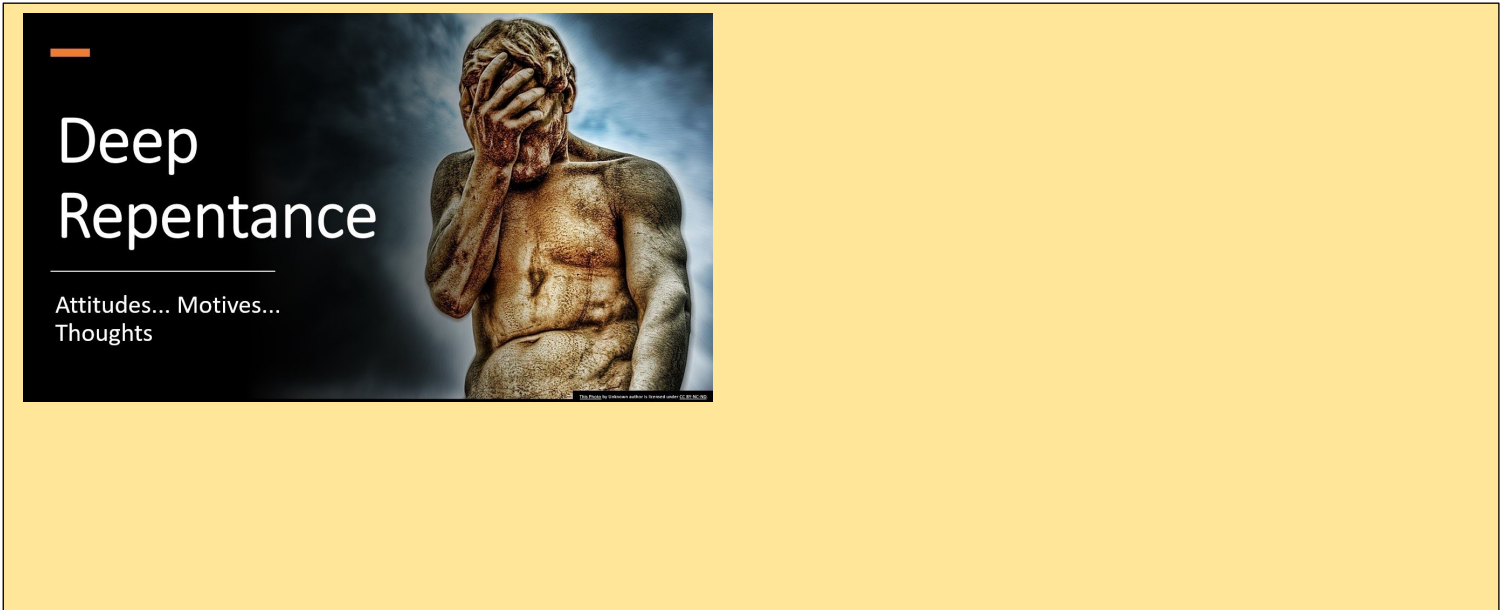
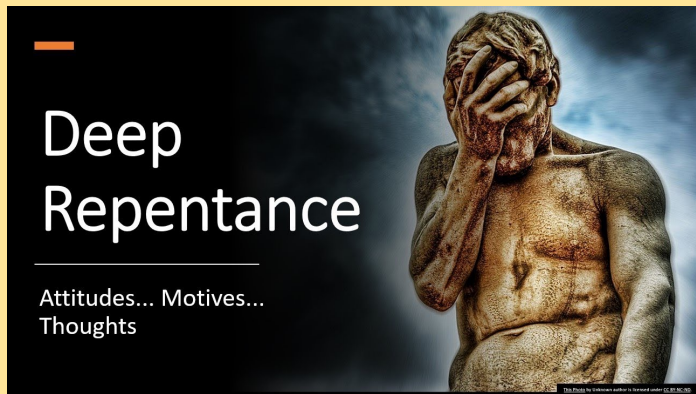
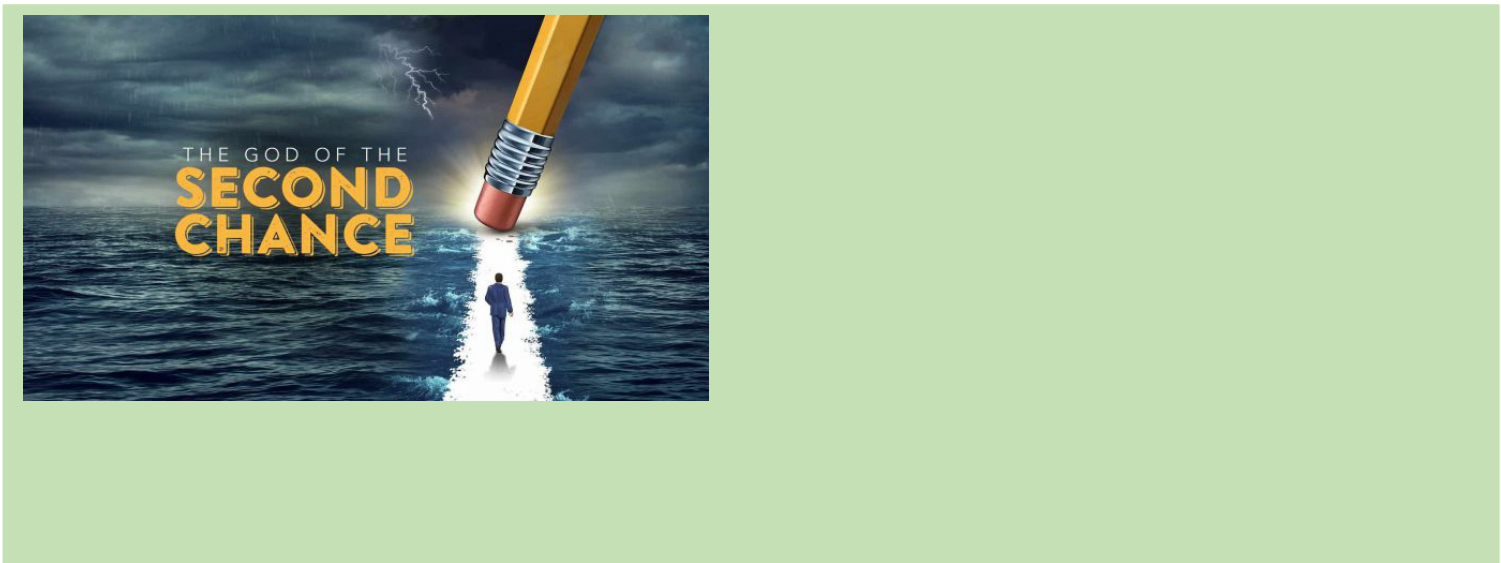
Growing lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ

by being a CHRISTIAN CARING COMMUNITY



Chapter 3 – A Witness for the Lord

Sunday 30 July 2023



Discussion for mid-week discipleship growth groups

1. Read Jonah chapter 3

2. Can you think of other people in the Bible to whom God gave a second chance? Can you relate to that in your life?
3. Do you think Tozer is right when he says that God can't bless someone greatly until He has hurt them deeply. What does it mean to be broken?
4. In verse 2, God tells Jonah to proclaim His message. What was that message? Is it the same message today? Should we have more confidence talking with others seeing it's **God's** message, not ours?
5. What is repentance? Notice in verse 5 that the Ninevites believed God, not Jonah! Does that give you confidence in proclaiming the Gospel?
6. Notice the number forty in verse 4. When else does the number forty feature in the Bible and is it significant? What other numbers in the Bible are also significant? E.g., Jonah in the fish for three days.
7. Is there still an urgency with the Gospel message (verse 8)? Note who should repent in verses 5-6. Are we praying for our nation's leaders too?
8. What is the role of fasting in repentance? (verses). Should repentance be more demonstrative? (Verses 6 + 8). Is fasting helpful for us as believers?
9. How does this chapter show that obedience brings blessing? Where else in the Bible is that illustrated? Can you give personal testimony to it?