BEYOND THE GLORY Seeing the Heart of God

<u>SIMPLY AMAZING!</u>

Jonah 3:1-10 Jeff Schreve

They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything He does is wonderful." Mark 7:37 NLT

How well do you know the true and amazing God?

1. God is the God who graciously gives <u>second chances</u>. Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time... Jonah 3:1

A. Second chances are <u>desperately needed</u>. *If You, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared. Psalm 130:3-4*

B. Second chances are not to be <u>taken for granted</u>. So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Jonah 3:3

> We urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 Corinthians 6:1

2. God is the God who really loves people.

A. People really matter to God.

B. <u>You</u> really matter to God. ...casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

3. God is the God who always responds to true repentance.

A. God requires repentance.

... unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Luke 13:3

B. God gives <u>opportunity</u> for repentance. "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown." Jonah 3:4

C. God knows if you are <u>serious</u>.

When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way... Jonah 3:10

D. God responds with mercy and grace.

When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it. Jonah 3:10

At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. Jeremiah 18:7-8

What will you do with your **<u>opportunity</u>**?