

<p>The book of Nahum is a courageous oracle of destruction against the Assyrian capital of Nineveh at the height of her power in the mid-7th century. Just a century or so from Jonah's call to repentance, Nahum declares refuge and deliverance for God's people who sit perched atop Jerusalem as the arm of Assyria surrounds them reaching all the way to Egypt.</p>	<p>An eyewitness account of the future destruction of Nineveh</p>	<p>A psalm to the sovereign goodness and severity of God</p>
<p>Chapters 2 and 3</p>	<p>Chapter 1</p>	

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Nahum | April 26, 2015

It is a century or so from the time of Jonah and in this sequel it's a different story for Nineveh and Assyria as God declares their coming destruction. Though our context is far removed and Assyria long gone, God is still the same as Nahum shows us...

1. The _____ and _____ of God (1:1-15)

- He is _____
- He is _____
- He is _____

2. Nineveh is _____ God — so God is

- _____ Nineveh
- Nineveh's _____ (1:9,11; 2:2,12; 3:1,4,8)
- God's _____ (2:13; 3:5-7)

3. God is _____ His people (1:7,12,13,15; 2:2)

- We can _____ to be delivered (Romans 8:31)
- We can _____ and _____ when troubles close in
- We can _____ the ultimate victory (Colossians 2:13-15; John 16:33)

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Questions for Growth Groups



CONNECTING WITH ONE ANOTHER

On this 3rd week of Spring Growth Groups take some time to have fun together. Tell everyone the story behind your middle name.

GRAPPLING WITH GOD'S WORD

1. What did you find most interesting or challenging in the book of Nahum? What was your biggest take away from the message?
2. Nahum begins with a song of praise to God the Divine Warrior. Read 1:1-11 together as a group. Why do you think Nahum begins this way? What does this song of praise tell us about God, His people, and His enemies?
3. Nahum is a book that makes very clear that God is set against His enemies (2:13; 2:15) and will judge them (1:2,3). How is this book still relevant for us today?

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4. In Nahum, God is asking His people to trust in His deliverance in the face of those who oppose Him. Where in your life do you feel like trouble is closing in, and how does the message of Nahum help you trust in the midst? If you were to take this message to heart, how might you respond differently to those in your life who oppose God (see Romans 8:31-39)?
5. Where in Nahum do we see glimmers of Gospel hope and that God is for His people (see 1:7,12,13,15; 2:2)? What is the message of hope that you see there?
6. In Nahum 1:15, God promised peace for His people through the punishing of the city of Nineveh. Where do we find our peace in the New Testament? Where does our ultimate victory come from? Who or what was defeated (see Colossians 2:13-15, Psalm 2:7-9; John 12:31; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58)?

PRAYING TOGETHER

Before sharing prayer requests, take some time to praise God for the ultimate victory and deliverance that comes through knowing Jesus Christ.

Our Declaration of Faith

The following is an abbreviated version of our full Grace SLO Declaration of Faith. The full version of our Declaration of Faith is available at graceslo.org/About/WhatWeBelieve/

The Scripture

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the complete revelation of God's plan of salvation, and the divine and final authority for Christian practice and life.

The Triune God

We believe in one Holy and loving God, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who know, love and glorify one another.

Humankind

We believe God created humankind in His own image. Humankind, tempted by Satan, rebelled against God and sinned. As a result, all human beings are alienated from God and corrupted in every aspect of their being, and are lost, blind and dead in sin and in desperate need of the saving grace of God.

The Gospel

We believe Jesus Christ is the Gospel. The Good News of God's sovereign, saving grace is revealed in His incarnation, sinless life, substitutionary death, and victorious bodily resurrection. The Gospel is central to our understanding, interpretation and application of all the Scriptures.

Salvation

We believe salvation is an act of God and is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, for the glory of God alone. God, in His unfathomable grace, justifies sinners who repent of their sins and trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church

We believe God, by His Word and Spirit, creates the Church as He calls sinful humans out of the whole human race into the fellowship of His family. A believer's membership in the universal Church, the global body of Christ, is to express itself through consistent worship with, service in, commitment and accountability to a local church.

The Return of Jesus Christ

We believe in the visible, personal, glorious return of Jesus Christ, which will bring about the consummation of all things. Those who trust the Gospel of Jesus Christ will enter into joyous, everlasting life with God. Those who do not trust the Gospel will experience everlasting, conscious punishment in hell. We believe in the new heavens and the new earth, where Jesus Christ will reign forever.



Service Times:
8, 9:30, and 11am

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The Lord is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble,
And He knows those
who take refuge in Him.

Nahum 1:7

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2015

Welcome to Grace!

Thanks for visiting our church today! Stepping into a new church for the first time can be a scary experience. We are so glad you're here! Please fill out a Next Step Card (in the back of the seat in front of you) and bring it to one of our Welcome Centers for a free coffee at a great local coffee house and a welcome packet. We hope you experience the grace and truth of Jesus in our service today. Members of our Prayer Team will be up front and available to pray with you at the end of every service. Thanks for worshipping with us. —Pastor Tim

Welcome

Call to Worship: Selected from Psalm 145

Scott Head

Your Grace Is Enough

Whom Shall I Fear

A Mighty Fortress

Life@Grace

Congregational Prayer

1st: Wayne Brown 2nd: Jeff Mundorf 3rd: Al Streder

Offering

Life Together

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

Scripture Reading: Nahum 1:1 - 15

1st: Peggy Brown 2nd: Nathan Phillips 3rd: Grace VanDoren

Message

Nahum

Pastor Jeff Jennings

God Is Our Refuge

Benediction

Romans 15:13

*Cry Room: at the back of Worship Center.
Hearing impaired: FM receivers at sound booth.
Prayer available up front after every service.*

COMING UP @ GRACE

For more information on events, visit us at graceslo.org.

SPRING SEMINARS

- **IGNITE YOUR FAITH 2**
FIRESIDE ROOM, 9:30 AM
APRIL 12- JUNE 14
- **GO & GROW PRAYER**
HIGH SCHOOL ROOM, 9:30 AM
APRIL 12- JUNE 14
- **THE DOCTRINE OF GOD**
FOUNDER'S HALL A, 9:30 AM
APRIL 12- JUNE 14
- **INTENTIONAL GRANDPARENTING WITH A VISION**
FOUNDER'S HALL B, 9:30 AM
APRIL 12- JUNE 14
- **RECIPES FOR LIFE**
FOUNDER'S HALL A, 11:00 AM
APRIL 12- MAY 10
- **A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART**
FOUNDER'S HALL B, 11:00 AM
APRIL 12- MAY 10

JOIN US FOR A
Ladies Night
May 2nd
HERE AT GRACESLO
5PM / \$10

Sign-Up for **CHILD DEDICATIONS** May 10th & June 14th

OCTOBER 11-23, 2015
Road Trip to Israel

GraceSLO Giving Report				
	June 2014-May 2015 Financial Report	YTD Actual	YTD Budget/Goal	YTD Over (Under)
\$	Ministry Fund:	\$1,319,203	\$1,300,481	\$ 18,722
	Go&Grow Vison Fund:	\$ 7,364	\$ 400,000	(\$392,635)

Please visit graceslo.org to give funds electronically.

Missionaries of the Week: John & Pam Dudeck

Pastor on Call this Week: Al Streder