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Jonah 4 – Why God's Way Is Right

Small Group Questions

Pray for God's help as you turn to look at His word, to understand and respond rightly to what you'll see. Read through the passage and then discuss these questions together.

1. Who do you find it easiest to be gracious with (to show undeserved kindness to)? ...and hardest?
2. Thinking of the book of Jonah as a whole, how do we see Jonah needing God's grace? And how do we see God being gracious towards him?
3. Do you think of yourself as in ongoing need of God's grace? Why or why not?
4. In chapter 4:5-11 – the incident with the plant and God's commentary on it – what does God expose about Jonah's heart?
5. Jonah wanted God's grace for himself, but not the Ninevites. He was more concerned for his own comfort than for their salvation. In what ways does God's diagnosis and exposure of Jonah's heart convict and challenge us today?
6. How does (or should) knowing we are recipients of God's grace change us to be more ready to be gracious towards others?
7. Imagine we, as a church, were being continually changed by a growing awareness of how gracious God is with us. Imagine our hearts were becoming increasingly like God's heart in v2. How would that change our relationships in the home, at work or school, in the church? How would it affect the way we behave towards non-Christians and the boldness of our evangelism? How would that make us a more attractive and compelling community?
8. Imagine yourself as a resident of Nineveh, saved through Jonah's message and by the God who got him there. How would you feel about such a God and such a rescue? As a resident of the world and a beneficiary of the message of Jesus, the greater Jonah, how does the story of Jonah make you especially grateful for Jesus and the God who sent him?

Respond to God's word in prayer

Share any answers to prayer you've seen since you last met

Take some time to pray for each other