



## Jonah 4 – Outrageous Kindness

### Small Group Questions

*This week we have a one-off study in Jonah 4. God called Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh and - eventually - that's what Jonah did. When Jonah warned the Ninevites that God would destroy them because of their wickedness, the people of Nineveh repented. Therefore God did not destroy the city like Jonah had warned. The story concludes in Jonah 4...*

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. What makes you angry?
2. V1-4: What does Jonah's anger reveal about him? How does he treat the LORD?
3. If you were Jonah's defence lawyer, what arguments would you make on his behalf?
4. V5-11: How does the LORD treat Jonah? What does he want Jonah to 'get'?
5. Darren is angry all the time, though he tries not to let on - angry with his spouse, angry with his colleagues, angry with God. He ends up looking at Jonah 4 with his small group: what can he learn?
6. Jess knows she should be a witness to Jesus, but feels too busy to do it, and – if she's honest – doesn't much like some of the people around her. How could Jonah 4 change her heart?
7. Contrast Jonah with Jesus... How does Jonah 4 lead you to appreciate Jesus more?
8. Does Jonah 4 highlight any ways you may need to become less like Jonah and more like God/Jesus?

**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**

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*Our desire for small groups is that they would help us be a "people who are in the process of having their lives turned inside out and upside down by the progressive work of transforming grace."*

*(Taken from 'Lead' by Paul Tripp. p42)*