

JONAH



LIFE GROUP SESSION 8: JONAH 4:5-11

Have someone read the passage or go around the circle and have everyone read a verse out loud. Take time to write down your own observations and applications before discussing these with the group.

Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

JONAH 4:5-11 (NIV)

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

⁶Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.

⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.

⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left – and also many animals?"

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PLAY SESSION 8 VIDEO DEVOTIONAL

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What insights did you gain from this week's video?
2. What is the danger of Christians only being known for what they are against?
3. What does it look like to show love to someone you don't agree with?
4. Why do people tend to want grace for themselves and consequences for their enemies?
5. When is a time you were disappointed with God?
6. How do you develop compassion for people who are difficult to love?
7. Going around the circle, share the name of a person you are praying will receive Christ.
As everyone shares, write the names below.

Close your time together by praying for the names that were shared.

End in prayer