



Jonah
July 7
Jonah 4:6-11

Leaders Guide
(Approximately 60 min)



Connect Spend time allowing group members to connect with one another relationally. (5 min)



Celebrate Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion) (5 min)



Coach Facilitate discussion using the guide below (30 min)

Focus: God's Heart for the City

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

Rom 1:16

Read through Jonah 4:6-11 and share a couple of things that stand out to you.



How would you describe "God's Heart"?

Overview:

In the message Sunday we looked at the topic of God's amazing grace.

Discussion Questions:



Question 1: Object Lessons from God:

What was the purpose of the leafy plant and the worm in Jonah's story? Can you recall a time when God used an object lesson in your life to teach you a valuable lesson? Share your experience.

Question 2: Contrasting Hearts:

How does Jonah's reaction to Nineveh's repentance contrast with God's heart for the city? Why do you think Jonah struggled to accept God's mercy towards Nineveh?

Question 3: Compassion in Action:

Discuss the meaning of the word "compassion" as explained in the sermon. How can we embody this in our daily lives?

Question 4: Personal Reflection:

How has this sermon series on Jonah impacted your understanding of God's character and your own heart? What steps will you take to align your heart with God's heart for the lost in your community?

EXPERIENCE: A time to apply



Here is a spiritual assignment: In your quiet time this week pray and reflect about how you can emulate God's heart for the people in your life.



Communicate

Share important information items with your group. (5 min)



Care

Spend time praying as a group. You may want to take specific prayer requests from your team members. (10 min)
