



Jonah: God's Compassion

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Key Verses: Jonah 4:4-11

Talk Summary:

- When we're angry at God, he's patient with us and tries to draw us to himself.
- God is sovereign over everything, and may even bring difficult circumstances our way.
- Our right response is to decide to trust him and remember he is in control.
- When we face storms and discomfort, we can trust in his promise that he'll redeem every situation for our good and his glory. God uses our pain to reveal himself and to teach us evermore to rely on Him.
- God is teaching Jonah not to focus on earthly things, like the plant, but to gain a heavenly perspective.
- Sometimes it's easy to see God as for us and against our enemies but the truth is he loves each of us the same and shows everyone the same mercy we've received.
- There's a challenge for each of us to get rid of any 'us' and 'them' mentality we may have. What does loving the 'other' look like in our own lives?
- Nobody is so bad that they can't receive God's grace. Nobody is so good that they don't need it.

Worship

- Why not start your time together with a centring prayer exercise, or some musical worship?
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Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- Just like Jonah, where might God be asking you to go?
- Where might He be asking you to step out and be a witness to others for Jesus?