



MESSAGE SUMMARY

Bible Reading: Jonah 4

This message was structured around for key questions:
Who do you have a problem with?
What makes you angry with God?
What has God provided you to help see His mercy and grace?
Who is God calling you to?

Jonah is angry because God is reaching out to the enemies of Israel. We can often find ourselves in the same boat, but we need to recognise that we are enemies of God, saved by grace (see Romans 5:10).

It is okay to be angry with God and angry at injustice, however we need to be careful not to sin in our anger; it is dangerous territory.

In the story, we see God send a word, a storm, a calm, a fish, a prophet, a message, a vine, a hot sun, a worm, a wind, a question – to save people and to help Jonah see the bigger picture of mercy and grace.

DISCUSSION

ICE BREAKER: Let's have some fun. Think back to your childhood (or maybe even present life). Who was your rival or nemesis or 'enemy'?

READ: Jonah 4:1-11

Who do you have a problem with?

- **Who are your enemies? Or who are the people you avoid?**
- **How do you react when God asks you, "Shouldn't I be concerned for them"?**
- **What does it look like to love our enemies?** (see Matthew 6:43-48)

What makes you angry with God?

- **What makes you angry with God?**
- **How do you express your anger in a healthy and biblical way?** (see Psalm 77 or Psalm 137)

What has God provided you to help see His mercy and grace more clearly?

- **Spend some time sharing stories from your life when God did something, 'good' or 'bad', and it helped you see His mercy and grace more clearly.**

Who is God calling you to?

- **How has the book of Jonah helped you understand God's mission and what it means for your life?**
- **Who are the people that God is calling you to share the gospel with? In particular, who are the people who are different, or your enemies, or people that you avoid, that God is calling you to reach out to?**

PRAY: Pray that God will help us to love our enemies, and those who are different to us. Pray that we will continue to understand God's mercy and grace, and we would be grateful recipients and generous reflectors of His glorious grace.