

JONAH

Talk 4 – Jonah 4 – the consistency of grace

Small group questions

Leaders – if the questions make no sense or you don't know the answer – please contact revkev182@gmail.com

1. Anger at the Consistency of Grace:

- How do you react to Jonah's anger at God's consistency of grace towards Nineveh?
- Can you relate to feeling upset when someone you believe doesn't deserve mercy receives it?

2. What!?

- Reflect on Jonah's reaction to the plant's growth and subsequent withering. What is going on for Jonah?
- Have you ever been upset over something seemingly trivial, only to realise later its insignificance?

3. And If There Was No Grace?

- Discuss the implications of a world without God's grace. How would it affect individuals, communities, and your own life?
- How has God's grace transformed your life, considering where you might be without it?

4. Should I Not Have Concern For...?

- Why do you think God asks Jonah the rhetorical question about concern for Nineveh?
- How can we cultivate genuine concern for those around us, including those who may seem undeserving or have wronged us?

5. Application: Sharing Jesus for Life

- How can the group support each other in overcoming personal discomfort to reach out with God's love and grace?

6. Reflection on God's Concern

- Reflect on God's deep concern for people, as expressed in the passage. How does this impact your perspective on evangelism and outreach?

7. Personal Assessment

- Do you ever find yourself more concerned with personal comfort than the salvation of others? How can you address this?

8. Prayer and Commitment

- Close the discussion with a time of prayer, asking for God's guidance and empowerment to actively share His grace with those around you.
- Encourage one another to commit to a specific action or change in mindset to better align with God's concern for the lost.

Prayer idea – Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wisdom found in the account of Jonah. Help us, like Jonah, to recognise and embrace your consistent and boundless grace in our lives. Grant us the courage to extend that grace to others, even when it challenges our understanding. May our concern for those around us reflect your deep love for all people. Guide us in sharing Jesus for life, that the light of your grace may shine through our interactions with those we encounter. Empower us to step out of our comfort zones, reaching out with compassion and kindness. We pray for the towns and regions we call home, that the transformative power of your grace may touch every heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.