

Discussion Questions

Jonah 4:1-11

- 1) If you were to write your obituary today, what would you emphasize? Are there any key parts of your story that you would want to leave out?
- 2) Do you think your current life trajectory matches what you would want said about you in the end?
- 3) When you read Jonah 4:1-11, what stands out most to you about Jonah's response?
- 4) Why do you think Jonah is so angry when something good has happened?
- 5) Have you ever seen something good happen (to yourself or to others) but struggled to feel joy about it?
- 6) Can you think of an area where you "know" something about God is true, but your heart resists that truth?
- 7) Why do you think it can be hard for our hearts to catch up with what we believe intellectually?
- 8) Why do you think Jonah cares more about the plant that gives him shade than about the people of Ninevah?
- 9) What are some "plants" in your life – things that bring you comfort that you might be overly attached to?
- 10) The sermon contrasts Jonah with Job. Job suffers yet worships. Jonah receives mercy yet resents. What do you think of that tension? Is it easier to respond like Job or like Jonah in your own life?
- 11) What are some signs that your focus has shifted away from God and towards something else?
- 12) The book of Jonah ends without a resolution. Are there any places in your life where you feel unresolved tension with God right now?
- 13) What would it look like for God's grace to reshape what you love this week?