

### ■ Discuss

Judging by his actions, how does Jonah answer God's question from 4:4?

What are some of the ways Jonah had experienced God's grace up to this point?

As you reflect on your life, how have you experienced God's grace and mercy?

How could those experiences change the way you view others—especially those who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

In what ways is God calling you to grow in compassion for the lost today?

What is God trying to teach Jonah by appointing the plant, the worm, and the scorching wind?

How does this scene reveal the inconsistency of Jonah's faith?

How does the model of Jesus contrast with Jonah?

What obstacles keep you from loving others the way God has loved you?

Where is God calling you to show compassion, to forgive, to love selflessly?

What about your life needs to change to walk in greater obedience to God?

### ■ Live it Out

**Prayer:** : Rather than leave you to judgment without hope, God sent His Son to give His life for you, His enemy. Start each day this week on your knees, asking God to keep your heart fixed on that truth.

**Reflect:** How has God clearly shown His grace to you in the past? Write the five instances that most stand out to you and put the note somewhere you will see it on a daily basis as a reminder of His grace.

**Show Grace:** When we receive grace, we receive something we do not deserve. Think of someone in your life who does not deserve grace and be intentional about showing him or her grace over the coming week (family, work, neighbor, fellow believer, etc.).

**List:** Make two columns on a piece of paper. In one, think back on the book of Jonah and write down all of his ungodly characteristics. In the other, write out the perfect characteristics of Jesus in contrast to Jonah. After doing so, see where your life lines up and ask God to lead you into greater Christ-likeness.

**Worship:** Walk into church this week with anticipatory joy. Gather with fellow believers and praise God in worship and truth, remembering the grace He has shown to you and thanking Him for the grace He will sustain you with going forward.