

## **Heart Check**

**Series:** No, Lord (message 5) **Date:** October 31/November 1, 2020

Intro

### **Jonah 4**

**GOD'S CHARACTER IS GIVEN TO US THAT WE MAY LOVE HIM!**

- Genesis 4:6–7
- 1 Kings 19:4

**GOD GIVES US THESE COMFORTS TO REMIND US OF HIS GOODNESS TO US!**

- Matthew 12:39–40

# sermon discussion

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## OPENING DISCUSSION

As you start your group time today, take a few moments to share two or three things you are grateful for from this past week. Challenge your group members to take time every day to write down 3-5 things they are thankful for and then thank God, the giver of all good things.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How do you typically react when you don't get your way?
2. **Read Jonah 4:1-3.** Are you surprised with Jonah's response to God's kindness? Do you think Jonah had good reason to be upset?
3. Is it possible for us to be obedient to God and have a bad attitude at the same time? Why or why not?
4. When have you felt resentful towards someone else when something good happened to them? What do you think was the source of those feelings?
5. **Read Jonah 4:6-11.** Jonah's comfort from the vine was short-lived, for at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered (v. 7). The vine was present one day and gone the next. What lesson was God trying to teach Jonah through the vine? What temporary things are you more concerned about than the eternal destinies of other people?
6. How can you keep yourself from becoming uncaring about others, especially those outside the faith?
7. As we wrap up the book of Jonah, take a few moments to reflect on these past sessions. What lesson(s) have impacted you the most? How do you want to live differently as a result of what you've learned?

## PRAYER

## GOING FURTHER

**Memorize:** *"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love."* **Psalm 103:8**  
NIV

**Watch/listen to this in-depth study on Jonah** - <https://bibleproject.com/course/jonah-classroom/>