

# Taylor Road Baptist Church

## Family & Small Group Worship Guide



## Worship

### God's Character—Love

*God's love means that God eternally gives of Himself to others.*

As we think about God's love, we are reminded that God loves us unconditionally. He eternally gives of Himself fully knowing our sin and rebellion against Him. God's love comes with no strings attached and is freely given to and experienced by those who are His. God's love also compels and enables us to love one another.

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### ADORATION

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings."

(Psalm 36:7)

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### CONFESSION

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

(Mark 12:29-30)

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

(1 John 4:9)

### Adoration

- Read  
Psalm 36:5-10
- Pray and give thanks to God for His unconditional love for you. Praise Him for His loving character that undergirds all of His actions toward us.

### Confession

- Read  
Mark 12:29-31
- "Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden—cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, Amen."

### Assurance of Pardon

- Read  
1 John 4:9-10
- Thank God for the blood of Jesus.

## God's Grace for the Undeserving

Jonah 4:1-11

- 1) Has there ever been a time in your life when you were angry at God? Talk about that situation and the reasons why you thought you were right and, maybe, God was wrong or unjust in dealing with you.
- 2) Why do you think we, as Christians, have a hard time, sometimes, wanting (or hoping) that God sees things from our perspective rather than us seeing things from His?
- 3) Jonah's story ends with Jonah trying to prove a point to God. He's hoping that God will wind up being wrong about the Ninevites. In what ways or circumstances have you responded to God in this way?
- 4) The big truth from Jonah chapter four is that it is impossible for me to care about the things God cares about when all I care about is myself. How have you seen this truth in your life or in the lives of others?
- 5) Jonah cared more about the sin of the Ninevites rather than his own sin. How is this a temptation in our lives?



***“...may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?”***

- 6) Jonah cared more about what benefited him rather than what glorified God. How has this been a temptation for you?
- 7) Jonah cared more about his preferences than he did the lost. How can churches fall prey to this and what is the result? How can we fight against this?
- 8) Think about the last few weeks we've spent in the book of Jonah. Where has God showed you areas of your life where you are like Jonah?

### WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

This week, sing and worship along with this song, "Nineveh" by Brooke Ligertwood.

<https://youtu.be/4l-mmZsAY-Y?si=bbt-86UUGXdPQlyC>