

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
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Jonah – Week #4

INTRO:

Jonah 3 ends so well. Jonah obeys, God acts, everything is good, right? Then you get to Jonah 4 and everything turns upside down again. Jonah doesn't like the outcome of his preaching. Share a time when you've had feelings of frustration or disappointment even when you've been obedient.

DIVE IN:

This week we jump into Jonah 4. Take the time to read the last chapter of Jonah before answering the questions below:

1. Jonah reveals his true motives for running from Nineveh. What was it?
2. God calls Jonah out, asking him "is it right for you to be angry about this?" Have you ever had a time when you've felt God has challenged your motives for your anger?
3. Pastor Peter said, "Jonah understood God's character, he just didn't like it for other people." Have you ever felt this way? Why does it seem like we want God to be different for us than for other people?
4. Jonah goes to sit on a hill and wait for God to destroy Nineveh. Have you ever found yourself sitting by waiting for God to act to do what you want, not what God wants?
5. The only time Jonah seems happy in the entire book is when his own personal comforts are taken care of. Is your happiness dictated by your comfort?
6. One of Peter's two questions was "what do you feel sorry about?" What brings you concern? What causes you worry? Is it Godly things or personal comforts?
7. Jonah was upset because he couldn't accept that God loved people that he hated. Peter asked the question, "Am I OK with God loving my enemies?" What about you, how do you handle the idea that the people you are against are still loved by God?
8. Who are your enemies? Is your heart hardened to the idea that they can receive grace as much as you? How do you partner with God in his love for them?

NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?