



# Running from Nineveh

## Week 4: God's Grace

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### **OPENING QUESTION:**

When you were a kid, how did you usually express your anger or react when you didn't get your way?

#### **GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE**

#### **READ:**

[Jonah 3:10 – 4:1-11](#)

#### **DISCUSS:**

- What does our anger reveal about Jonah's character and his misunderstanding of God's character?
- Let's ask this question again; only replace the name "Jonah" with yours.
- What does Jonah 4 teach us about God's character?
- What can result when we hold on to anger, even when it seems justified?
- How would you counsel a friend to resolve his or her anger with God? What advice did you just give that you need to take yourself?

#### **PRAYER:**

Take time to thank God for the "vines" he has put in our lives to give us shade and acknowledge him for those blessings. Ask God to reveal to us through these blessings how he wants to bless this world through us.

#### **SCRIPTURES:**

Exodus 34:6–7, "And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and

sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Psalms 86:5, "You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."

Psalms 86:15, "But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."

Ezekiel 18:32, "For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!"

Joel 2:13, "Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

Micah 7:18, "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy."

Luke 7:36–47, "Jesus anointed by a sinful woman. V. 47 "Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

Luke 15:28–32, "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Romans 2:4, "Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?"

2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."