



Small Group Discussion Notes

God Provided

Jonah 4:5-11

The Book of Jonah · Week 7

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Warm Up

Share about a time when God provided for you in an unexpected way.

Digging Deeper

Read Jonah 4:1-11

Why do you think Jonah sets up camp outside Nineveh? Is he waiting to see if God decides to overthrow Nineveh? Is he hoping God might do something to help him better understand why compassion is being shown?

Throughout the book of Jonah there is a theme of God's provision, and again in verse 6 we see God provide a "leafy plant" for shade. This made Jonah incredibly happy. However, in verse 7 this plant is destroyed by a worm and Jonah is once again upset. Do you think Jonah's expectations of God's provision are fair/realistic?

In what way(s) can you relate to Jonah's happiness and then anger?

What reflections do you have on what the Lord says in verses 10 and 11?

Consider the parable of the workers in Matthew 20:1-16. This parable speaks to God's ability to give graciously as he sees fit, according to his sovereign will. What connections do you see between chapter 4 of Jonah and this parable?

Next Steps

Why do we often feel entitled to good things or for things to go the way we want them to?

Do you ever find yourself wishing the best for those you care about but perhaps the opposite for those you struggle to like? If so, why is this?

Why do we sometimes feel envious of God's blessings in the lives of others?

How often are you taking time to pray for God's provision in the lives of those whom you are at odds with?

Final Thoughts

As a group take time to pray for hearts that desire the best for others, even if that means they receive something you desire or don't think they deserve.