

Home Group Discussion Guide for Jonah 4: A Question Left Hanging...

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, instead respond to the needs of your group.

If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever been angry / annoyed at someone for doing the right thing? What happened?
2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the discussion on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scriptures: *Jonah 3:7-9 & 4:1-11; Deut 5:9-10; Matthew 5:43-45; Mark 1:40-42*
(*Read Jonah 4:1-11*)

1. In Jonah 4, why was Jonah angry at God?
 - a. Can you relate to Jonah's anger at God? What was it that brought that anger on?
2. What is God wanting Jonah to think about when He asks him in verse 4; *Is it right for you to be angry?*
 - a. What truths about God have been forgotten/missed?

(*Read Matthew 5:43-45*)

3. How do Jesus' words speak to Jonah's situation in Jonah 4?
 - a. What truth stands out for you from Jesus' words as you consider frustrations or anger you feel towards God?
4. What is the truth that God is wanting Jonah to understand about the people of Nineveh, despite Jonah's hatred towards them?
 - a. How does this relate to us?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. In those times when you are angry at God – What questions would God be asking you?
2. Even if you aren't angry at God, what needs to change now?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.

