

# CONNECTION GROUPS

**March 1, 2020**

Series: **"Jonah: Bad Prophet. Great God."**

Message: **Prodigal Prophet. Prodigal God.**

Text: **Jonah 3:10-4:11**

**"I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity."  
~ Jonah 4:2**

### **Connection Group Questions**

- Read 4:1-11. What stands out to you? How funny is this text?!
- The ups and downs of Jonah's story gives us a picture of what sanctification—the process where we become more like Jesus—looks like. How does knowing that sanctification is a continual process help us fend off discouragement when it seems like we're not growing spiritually?
- Jonah quotes Exodus 34:6-7. His complaint in verse 2 seems outrageous, but deep down we're not so different. Where in your life are you quick to give yourself grace but desire "law" for others?
- Racism/intolerance can happen in three ways mentioned: hurt becomes hate. Preference becomes prejudice. Idolized becomes demonized. Have you experienced any of these? Do you too need to confess and repent like Jonah?
- Jesus is the greater Jonah. What parallels exist between Jonah and Jesus? How does seeing Christ in the Old Testament—even in flawed characters like Jonah—give us hope for our lives?
- Jonah cared more about a plant that 120,000 people. God cares more about people than a plant. What do you care about most?
- In the end Jonah is so angry he wants to die. But in the end Jonah tells his story. What do you think became of Jonah, and why?
- Read the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15. How is Jonah like both brothers? How is Jesus like the brother we all want and need?