

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

God in Pursuit: Week 4

### **Prayer**

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### **Read**

Jonah 4

### **Main Ideas**

In this passage, Jonah responds in anger to God's mercy shown to the city of Nineveh. In response, God uses a plant as an object lesson, creating it to give Jonah shade, and then destroying it to put into perspective the value of the Ninevites. The book ends with God reminding Jonah of His great love for all people.

### **Icebreaker Question**

- What is a pet peeve that you have? Why do you think it bothers you so much?

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What is something you've learned about the story of Jonah over these last four weeks? How would you summarize this book?
2. Does this feel to you like an abrupt ending to Jonah's story? Why do you think it ends this way, rather than seeing Jonah's response to God?
3. How do you explain Jonah's anger towards God? Have you ever felt frustration, jealousy, or anger when God has blessed someone else?
4. What is God's purpose in placing- and then destroying- the shady plant?
5. What does the story of Jonah teach us about God's heart for those that don't know Him?
  - a. Where might He be calling you to share the Gospel with others?
  - b. Where might you be hesitant to obey?