

A large, stylized illustration of a whale's tail and back, rendered in shades of teal and green, swimming upwards against a dark teal background. The word "JONAH" is written in large, white, hand-drawn letters across the whale's back. Below it, "GOD'S GREATER GRACE" is written in smaller, yellow, hand-drawn letters. At the bottom, "DNA GUIDE" is written in white, hand-drawn letters.

JONAH

GOD'S GREATER GRACE

DNA GUIDE

WEEK 4: GOD'S BOUNDLESS GRACE PT. 2

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: JONAH 3:1-10, MATTHEW 5:38-48

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Who is your enemy and why is it challenging to love them?
2. What is your first reaction to the enemies in your life? War (in all its forms) or evangelism?
3. Do you hope for your enemies to be "cured" as Lewis put it? Do you desire for them to be better, to change or to be redeemed? Why or why not?

4. How have you seen the impulse to demonize and dehumanize play out in your relationship with your enemies?
5. What story does it tell about God that he desires to see his and your enemies saved?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For this week, refer to how Jesus is the True WORD of God made flesh who affirmed the Scriptures as the Word of God; fulfilled them as the true display of God and obeyed them perfectly on our behalf to be our substitute. He makes the written Word come alive in our hearts as we turn to him by faith to reveal the truth of God and to change our hearts by His Spirit.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. This week, how will you begin to love, serve, pray and sacrifice for your enemy?
2. What might be God's specific message that he wants you to deliver to your enemies?
3. How will you remind yourself this week that your enemy is a human, just like you?
4. What are some practical ways that you can keep the sin of your enemy before your eyes while simultaneously loving them?
5. What will you do this week to ensure that you get to church on time?

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?