# **Discuss**

**Judging by his actions, how does Jonah answer God’s question from 4:4?**

**What are some of the ways Jonah had experienced God’s grace up to this point?**

**As you reflect on your life, how have you experienced God’s grace and mercy?**

**How could those experiences change the way you view others—especially those who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ?**

**In what ways is God calling you to grow in compassion for the lost today?**

**What is God trying to teach Jonah by appointing the plant, the worm, and the scorching wind?**

**How does this scene reveal the inconsistency of Jonah’s faith?**

**How does the model of Jesus contrast with Jonah?**

**What obstacles keep you from loving others the way God has loved you?**

**Where is God calling you to show compassion, to forgive, to love selflessly?**

**What about your life needs to change to walk in greater obedience to God?**

# **Live it Out**

**Prayer:** : Rather than leave you to judgment without hope, God sent His Son to give His life for you, His enemy. Start each day this week on your knees, asking God to keep your heart fixed on that truth.

**Reflect:** How has God clearly shown His grace to you in the past? Write the five instances that most stand out to you and put the note somewhere you will see it on a daily basis as a reminder of His grace.

**Show Grace:** When we receive grace, we receive something we do not deserve. Think of someone in your life who does not deserve grace and be intentional about showing him or her grace over the coming week (family, work, neighbor, fellow believer, etc.).

**List:** Make two columns on a piece of paper. In one, think back on the book of Jonah and write down all of his ungodly characteristics. In the other, write out the perfect characteristics of Jesus in contrast to Jonah. After doing so, see where your life lines up and ask God to lead you into greater Christ-likeness.

**Worship:** Walk into church this week with anticipatory joy. Gather with fellow believers and praise God in worship and truth, remembering the grace He has shown to you and thanking Him for the grace He will sustain you with going forward.

**Jonah 4:5-11 ESV**

**5** Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. **6** Now the Lord God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. **7** But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.

**8** When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." **9** But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." **10** And the Lord said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. **11** And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"