

JONAH

INTRO

- ⊕ Welcome everyone.
- ⊕ How is everyone - who isn't at your group? Can you message them?
- ⊕ **Ask what are you grateful for this week? What have you found to be a challenge this week?**
- ⊕ Play a game or do an icebreaker.

INTRO Q'S

- ⊕ **What is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you?**
- ⊕ **How would you explain grace to someone?**
- ▶ Play this weeks video

BIBLE

▶ JONAH 4:5-11

Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. 6 Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant[a] and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. 7 But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." 10 But the Lord said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. 11 And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

QUESTIONS

- ⊕ Have you ever struggled to share anything with anyone? What was it? Why did you struggle to share?
- ⊕ Why do you think Jonah struggled to see that the Ninivites needed God's forgiveness, grace and love?
- ⊕ 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 does the model of Jesus contrast with Jonah? I.e what have we learnt about Jonah and how he responded to God's call? How did Jesus respond to God's call
- ⊕ Where is God calling you to show compassion, to forgive, to love selflessly?
- ⊕ What obstacles keep you from loving others the way God has loved you?