



## Jonah wk4: Stewing in Grace

**Introduction:** Jonah is more than a fish story. It reflects a rebellious prophet, God's love for him and the lengths He'll go to bring people to Him.

### Discussion Questions

1. Can you tell us of a time where you were irrationally angry about something? Why is it sometimes funny when we see it with our children? What are we hoping happens with them?
2. Read **Jonah 4:1-4** Why is Jonah so angry? How does God deal with his anger?
3. Does it bother you sometimes that God would offer grace to even those people we would consider the "worst"? Why do you think it's difficult to sometimes celebrate other people's blessings?
4. Read **Matthew 5:43-47** Why do you think these words of Jesus are so often ignored or dismissed? Do you believe Jesus meant what he said here? Why would he command us to do something like this? How does Jonah's story reveal this has always been God's desire for us?
5. Read **Jonah 4:5-10** What can we learn from the wording that God "provided" the fish, the plant, and the worm? Why is Jonah upset about the plant?
6. How can entitlement hurt our witness? How can you guard against an entitlement mindset?
7. The Jonah story ends abruptly, showing it to be open ended, just like our opportunity to respond to grace. How is every day an opportunity to walk in grace? How can we learn to extend it to even our enemies?

**Shaping Your Mind** – I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:44

**Moving Forward** – Don't get so lost in the fish story that you miss the point about grace!