INTRO

What is something that makes you angry?

DISCUSSION

1. If you were honest, do you ever get really angry over things that aren’t that big of a deal? Why is anger such a normal response for things that don’t go our way?

2. Read Jonah 4:2. Why is Jonah so angry? Is his anger justified?

3. Have you ever been angry at God? Over what?

4. Read Jonah 4:4. This was a tough question for Jonah to hear, and it’s a tough question for us to hear. God is in control; we are not. Has God ever asked you this same rhetorical question before?

5. Jonah is angry because God showed love to evil, violent, oppressive people. But the Book of Jonah teaches us that God’s love is for everyone, not just the people we think fit the mold. Who is it hard for you to show God’s love?

6. What will it take for that prejudice to be broken?

7. Who is someone you can go out of your way to love this week? How can you be shaped by God’s compassion this week?

PRAY

Pray for God to remind you how much He loves you—even though you don’t deserve it. Pray for God to show you people or groups of people that you have a hard time loving. Pray for the honesty and humility to see them the way God sees them. Pray for God to cross your path with someone who will stretch the boundaries of your compassion.