

***“Infuriating Mercy”***  
Jonah 4:1-11  
Series: *Jonah*  
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DIVINE JUSTICE IS MET IN DIVINE MERCY.

1. INFURIATING MERCY (v. 1-4)

2. AN OBJECT LESSON OF MERCY AND JUSTICE (v. 5-11)

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: Exodus 20:1-21

## ABF/Small Group Guide

ICEBREAKER: Describe a time when you were upset with God about the way something turned out.

READ Jonah 4

1. Jonah was successful, Nineveh repented, and God had already relented. So, why was he so angry?
2. What does this tell us about Jonah’s heart from the beginning?
3. What was Jonah camping out hoping to see?
4. Jonah’s shelter proved inadequate, what did God in His mercy send him?
5. How did Jonah receive God’s gift of mercy?
6. How did Jonah react to God’s mercy being withdrawn?
7. What is God trying to illustrate about His mercy through the plant and the worm?
8. How did Jonah’s view of the lives of the people of Nineveh differ from God’s view?
9. Describe the state of Jonah’s heart at the end of this conversation with God?
10. How did Jonah, a prophet of God, so completely miss God’s heart?
11. How could we miss God’s heart for other people?
12. Read Matthew 5:43-45. How will you apply this passage and the book of Jonah in your life?
13. How can we pray for you this week?