

JONAH

THE EXTRAVAGANT
MERCY OF GOD

GOD'S MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER MAN'S RESENTMENT

JONAH 4

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Before you begin: *Open with prayer and spend a minute or two in silence before God. Have multiple people ask the Holy Spirit to enter your time together and illuminate your hearts and minds to scripture.*

- Have someone read the passages in their entirety aloud. As a group, summarize the passage, and as you do so, note any observations, questions, and exciting insights you found while reading through the text. What jumped out at you? What was something you noticed now that you didn't see before?
- Why do you think Jonah is angry? How come he quotes the Old Testament passage Exodus 34 back at God?
- Talk about Jonah under the plant, and review what happens. How does God use the plant as a parable for Jonah? How come Jonah wants to die instead of live?
- What do we learn about loving our enemies from this story? How have you experienced God's mercy in your life?