



These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised in our Sunday talks. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

## Sermon Date

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 Mairi Mowbray

## Bible Passages

Jonah 4

## Theme & Introduction

This is the last on our summer series through the book of Jonah. We see Jonah struggling to accept that God is a compassionate God who shows his compassion to all without prejudice.

## Questions

- 1) Read Jonah Chapter 4 slowly. Talk about the things that strike you, or things you see in a different light now that we have studied the book in more depth.
- 2) What do you understand by “compassion”? Can you think of any examples from your own life where you were shown compassion? Did these experiences change you in any way?
- 3) God asks Jonah (v 4 ) “Have you any right to be angry?” (see also v9) Are you ever angry at God? Is anger a legitimate response to situations we find ourselves in?
- 4) Mairi suggested that Jonah didn’t want to take God’s message to the Ninevites because he felt the Ninevites “didn’t deserve” God’s compassion. Are there people in our society or the wider world we feel like this about? If God could show the Ninevites such compassion, what implications does this have for us? Do we need to question some of our learned attitudes?
- 5) Use a reference tool to find references in Jesus’ teaching to Jonah. What do you learn?