

## God Gets the Last Word

### Jonah 4

**Ice Breaker:** Describe a time when you threw a pity-party for yourself. What were you trying to achieve by pouting?

**BIG IDEA:** God doesn't just love the spiritually ignorant sailors and the morally messed-up Ninevites. He also loves the religiously self-focused (and self-righteous!) Jonah – so much so that He keeps trying to reach Jonah's heart, despite his pouting attitude.

#### **Digging Deeper:**

- 1) Read Jonah 3:10-4:3. What is Jonah's response to God's forgiveness of the Ninevites? Why do you think there is such a large gap between Jonah's right beliefs about God (v2) and his wrong response (v3)? Can you relate to this gap? In what ways?
- 2) Read Jonah 4:4-5. What does Jonah do when the Lord tries to have a conversation with him? Oswald Chambers writes: "Self-pity is satanic." Where in your own journey have you seen the dark side of self-pity? How did it affect your relationship with God?
- 3) Read Jonah 4:6-9. What does God do to try and get Jonah's attention? Does it work? What does this "backdoor" attempt to get to Jonah's heart tell us about God? How might God be trying to use "backdoors" to get the church today to share His heart for the lost?
- 4) Read Jonah 4:10-11. What is God's last word in the story? Do you think God has this same "concern" for the thousands of people of the Wenatchee Valley who don't know Him? If so, then how should we, His followers, be engaged in reaching out to them?
- 5) Spend some time brainstorming ways to reach out to people in your sphere of influence who don't yet know Jesus. Pray for God to open up doors of opportunity for you (and your life group) to be a signpost to Christ.