# Discuss

What did you learn about Israel and Nineveh at the time of Jonah’s life?

According to verse 2, what purpose did God have for sending Jonah to Nineveh?

What does this tell us about God?

How does Jonah respond to God’s call?

What does Jonah’s response reveal about the character of his heart?

Who are the “unlovables” in our lives?

What do we reveal about ourselves when we fail to love the “unlovables” in our lives the way God has loved us?

How can our personal beliefs govern our theology if we are not careful?

What are some of the personal beliefs that govern our theology?

As you think about the life of Jesus, what are some examples of His compassion that come to mind?

What keeps you from seeing the lost like Jesus?

Who is God calling you to show compassion toward today?

What is behind your theology that keeps it from becoming faithful obedience?

# Live it Out

**Prayer:** Before you start each day this week, stop and ask God to give you the boldness to love those who feel unlovable in your life.

**Encouragement:** Identify someone struggling with an area of life where God has called him or her to challenging obedience. Be intentional about making time to speak words of hope and comfort to them to build them up in bold obedience.

**Confession:** If you find yourself in a similar season of running from God like Jonah, seek out a believer you trust and talk to them about your struggles. Do so anticipating the kindness and mercy of God extended to you in Jesus Christ.

**Journaling:** Each evening this week, take a few moments to reflect on your day and write out three ways you responded to circumstances that stood out to you, good or bad.

**Worship:** Think back on your life and list out some of the significant times God has called you out of comfort and into fruitful obedience. As you go about your week, make time to intentionally thank Him through song, prayer, and praise.

**Jonah 1:1-3 MSG**

*1-2 One day long ago, God’s Word came to Jonah, Amittai’s son: “Up on your feet and on your way to the big city of Nineveh! Preach to them. They’re in a bad way and I can’t ignore it any longer.” 3 But Jonah got up and went the other direction to Tarshish, running away from God. He went down to the port of Joppa and found a ship headed for Tarshish. He paid the fare and went on board, joining those going to Tarshish—as far away from God as he could get.*