

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Week 1**

## **Connect Members to Each Other**

When you were a kid did you have an enemy? How did they become your enemy?

How did you usually express your anger or react to them?

## **Connect Members to God**

In Jonah chapter 1, the prophet is offended that God wants him to preach to the people of Nineveh because they are enemies of Israel. Instead of following God's plan, he boarded a ship headed to Tarshish (Southern Spain) and went in the opposite direction. After a whale encounter God put him back on course to Nineveh to deliver his message.

Describe a time when you acted in direct defiance to God's will for your life. What did you learn?

Share a time when you, like Jonah, became angry at God and depressed over what seemed like an unjust situation?

How did you get over these feelings and how long did it take?

## **Apply the Teaching**

Like Jonah, we all want to receive grace when we do something wrong yet want justice for others when they mess up. This inconsistency can hurt the way we see God and the ways we treat other people.

offended  
by mercy