

THE GOD OF THIS CITY [☆]

Jonah 4:1-11

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People matter to God because He is the creator (vs5-9).

People matter to God because He is at work (vs10-11).

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2. Why do you think Jonah was *greatly displeased* (v. 1)? Do you think being *greatly displeased* is a big deal? Read through chapter 4 looking for ways Jonah's disappointment affected him. Can you relate to any of his feelings? If so, how?

3. 4:6 reads, "Then the Lord God provided a vine ..." A similar wording is found in 1:17—"But the Lord provided a great fish ..." What was the purpose of the fish and the vine? Figuratively speaking, has God ever provided a *fish* or *vine* for you? What happened as a result?

4. Verses 5-10 describe God's attempt to correct Jonah's disappointment. What truth(s) do you think God is driving at? Do you think God was able to help Jonah work through his disappointment?

5. Are there any current disappointments with God with which you are struggling? Tell us the story. What step is God calling you to take in order to deal with your disappointment?

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