

## Week 4 – Good News of Promise

### Ice Breaker

Share about a time when you struggled to show love or kindness to someone you considered your enemy or someone who treated you poorly. How did you handle the situation, and looking back, is there anything you would have done differently?

### Discussion Questions

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, what aspect of Jonah's story resonated with you the most? Why?
2. The sermon highlighted Jonah's initial reluctance to share God's message with Nineveh. Have you ever felt hesitant or resistant to share the message of God's love with someone? What factors contributed to your feelings?
3. Read Matthew 5:44-45. How does Jesus' command to love our enemies align with the message of Jonah's story? How can we practically apply this commandment in our daily lives, especially when faced with difficult relationships or conflicts? (Luke 6:27-28)
4. Read Jonah 3:10. Reflecting on Jonah's experience in Nineveh, what does this story teach us about God's willingness to extend grace and mercy, even to those we may consider our enemies? How does this challenge our own perceptions of who deserves God's love and forgiveness? (Romans 5:8)
5. Read 1 John 4:19-21. How does our ability to love others, even our enemies, reflect our relationship with God? What are some practical steps we can take to cultivate a heart of love and forgiveness, following the example of Christ? (John 13:34-35)

### Key Takeaway or Action Item:

Identify one person or group whom you may have viewed as an enemy or struggled to show love to. **Commit to praying for them daily** and seeking opportunities to extend grace and kindness, reflecting God's love in tangible ways. Additionally, consider reaching out to them to share the message of God's love and invite them to experience the community of faith.