

Saying No to God

Week 4

Main Idea

When we say “yes” to God, God changes what we care about.

Starter

What is your biggest pet peeve? Why does it bother you?

Discuss

When you think about the brokenness of the world, what is a cause that you care most about? Why?

Scripture

Have your group read [Jonah 3:1-4:10](#) and listen for the contrast between what God cares about and what Jonah cares about.

- What do you notice about the difference between God and Jonah in this passage?
- What does Jonah’s anger reveal about what he cares about?
- What is a relationship in your life that is difficult for you? What issues in your heart would you need to deal with to love that person more like Jesus?

Have everyone take 5-10 minutes to do a devotional exercise on their own. Have half your group read [James 4:1-2](#) and half your group read [Psalm 37:4-7](#). Follow the acronym SOAPS on your own.

- **S: Scripture** Read the passage slowly 1-2 times.
- **O: Observation** Make some bullet-point observations about what the passage teaches you about God or yourself.
- **A: Application** Write down a next step you could take to think or live differently.
- **P: Prayer** In your own words, write a prayer to say “yes” to what He cares about.
- **S: Share** (see below)

Apply

Have each group member share the key truth God highlighted for them from Scripture and the action step God is leading them to take. Spend time praying for each other to love others more like Jesus.

- [Here is a tool](#) you can use if your group needs help or guidance with spiritual discipline .