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Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: JONAH IN JULY: CHAPTER FOUR
Key Scripture: Jonah 4
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Starter: What kind of planner are you? Do you go with the flow, jot down a weekly schedule, or maybe even map out a whole month in advance with breaks included? Ever had life throw a wrench in those plans? How did that make you feel? Jonah in the Bible had plans too, but they didn't quite align with what God had in mind. Let's dive into the sermon notes and explore what to do when your plans and God's plans don't quite match up.

Discussion:

1. How does Jonah react when God spares Nineveh, and what does this reveal about Jonah's heart?
2. How does the story of the plant in Jonah 4 teach Jonah (and us) a lesson about compassion and the value of human life?
3. What key things should we remember when our plans don't align with God's plans?
4. What does Jonah's concern for the plant reveal about his priorities, and how does this contrast with God's perspective?
5. How does God's love for Nineveh demonstrate His compassion and desire for all to repent?
6. What is the significance of recognizing that "Nineveh" needs us, and how can we apply this to our own lives?
7. Why is it important to guard our hearts against resentment, and how can it negatively impact our relationship with God and others?
8. Why is it important to shift our focus from temporary possessions to things that have eternal value?

9. In what ways can we cultivate a posture of humility and openness to God's leading, allowing Him to shape our paths and decisions?
10. How can we cultivate a heart of compassion and concern for others, similar to God's heart for the people of Nineveh?

Reflection:

God's love extends to everyone – your family, neighbors, co-workers, and friends. He cares deeply for each person around you, and they need the hope you carry. Keep your heart open to how God wants to use your unique gifts and experiences to impact their lives and share the good news of Jesus.