newlife SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Worship in the Psalms

Psalm 103: 8-18

Discussion Points
February 13, 2022

Read/Reflect/Explore

- 1. Read Psalm 103 and Jonah 4:1-4
- 2. Have you ever felt like Jonah? Frustrated that God is consistent in his character?
- 3. Psalm 103:7 tells us that God's ways and deeds were/are commonly known to God's people. What are the deeds and acts that reveal God's gracious and compassionate character that your group can recall in the last 5 years?
- 4. What are some of the ways God has revealed his compassion to you personally over the last two years?
- 5. Jonah's attention is diverted from God's incredible mercy onto a vine that keeps him comfortable in his misery. Are there things that might be distracting us from God's incredible mercy?
- 6. Why is the "father and children" imagery in Psalm 103: 13 so effective at communicating compassion?
- 7. Humans are fragile and life is at times far too short. What comfort does the Psalmist (David) provide when he reminds us that God is aware of our fragility?

Pray

- As a group (or on your own) make a list of ten of God's character traits that you can give him praise and thanksgiving for.
- Ask God to reveal the things in our lives that distract us from God's incredible mercy?
- Give God thanks for the stories you have heard of God's faithfulness in the testimonies you have shared of his compassion and grace.

