# Sunday 30th March – Connect Group Notes

## Read Jonah 4:1-4

1. Can you think of a time when you received a reaction you didn’t expect—from yourself or someone else? What happened, and how did it make you feel?
2. If you were hearing Jonah’s story for the first time, how would you respond to his reaction in these verses? Why might it be surprising?
3. What deeper theological tension is at the heart of Jonah’s struggle with God? Have you ever wrestled with similar questions about God’s justice and mercy?
4. In verse 2, Jonah quotes from **Exodus 34:6-7**. How does reading this passage in its full context—and in light of the broader biblical story—help us navigate the tension Jonah is experiencing?
5. Jonah’s frustration goes beyond theology—it’s deeply personal (v.3). Why do you think he takes this so hard? What assumptions about God or the world might be underlying his reaction?
6. How does the story of the **prodigal son** (Luke 15:11-32) shed light on Jonah’s reaction? What can we learn from the older son's response to his brother’s return?
7. In what ways might we be tempted to react like Jonah or the older son? Are there moments when we struggle with how God shows mercy? How can we honestly bring our frustrations and disappointments to God without becoming cynical?
8. How does God respond to Jonah’s anger? What do you notice about God's approach? Are we open to hearing God’s response when we struggle with His ways and our feelings?