HALF-HEARTED

THE BIG IDEA:
We try to carry the burden of justice in our own will and power, but God is asking us to act justly according to His will and power.

CONVERSATION STARTER:
- What does the term justice mean to you? What do you think of when you hear this word?
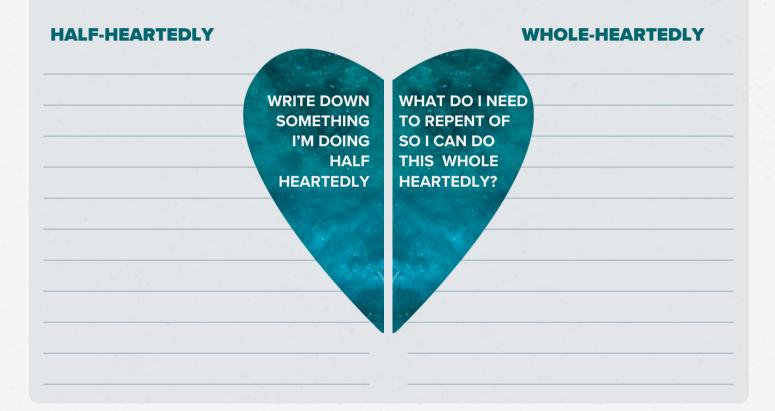- Share a time when you felt a sense of injustice. How did that make you feel? What did you do?

READ & DISCUSS:
Read Jonah 4:1-11

1. Read Jonah 4:1-3. What caused Jonah to react with anger in these verses (go back to Jonah 3 if you need some more context)? Can you relate to how Jonah reacted in these verses?

2. In his message, Cory explained that throughout the book of Jonah, God, "sent the storm to correct, he sent the fish to save and serve as a safe place for repentance, he provided Jonah with the exact message that would reach the Ninevites and now he provides this plant (Jonah 4:6) to ease his discomfort. When have you seen God provide for your needs like he did for Jonah?

3. Read Jonah 4:7-11. Take time to discuss the comparison being made here between the plant provided by God to Jonah and the city of Nineveh. What is the point that God is trying to get across to Jonah in this passage?

4. Who are your "Ninevites"? Cory gave some examples in his message, but what do you see in your own life? What walls have you put up? What are some ways that you can tear down those walls and reach the people who you see as "other"? Discuss with your group and challenge yourself to pray for those people this week.

LIVE IT OUT:

Use the diagram below to record your step(s) in the right direction. Think of people in your life that for whatever reason, you have put walls up between you. List ways that God may be wanting you to grow and change to become more like Jesus. How can we look at justice differently this week?

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WRITE DOWN SOMETHING I'M DOING HALF HEARTEDLY

WHAT DO I NEED TO REPENT OF SO I CAN DO THIS WHOLE HEARTEDLY?

PRAY

Write out your prayer, asking God for the grace and power to walk in wholeheartedly this week. Pray this for yourself and others.