

Wednesday

Read: Amos 8:7 *God sees all*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What do you think Amos means by “the pride of Jacob?” What impact might that have had on Israel?*
2. *Is there anything in your life that you would rather not discuss with God?*

Prayer Focus God pays attention to us in all ways; seeing how we live according to God’s way and how we live according to what we want. If there are no secrets from you, All Wise, help us confess them to ourselves as well as to you, because we can’t heal without the truth.

Thursday

Read: Amos 8:8-10 *God’s judgement*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Looking at our world today, where do you see bitter situations?*
2. *Do you believe we can change the path we’re on?*

Prayer Focus Our world, our lives, look like this picture, sometimes. We see the results of our insistence on doing just what we want, with no other thoughts or concerns. Make us willing to change, Redeemer, to turn our lives over to you and your Holy Spirit.

Friday

Read: Amos 8:11-12 *Israel’s true loss*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Why would not hearing the word of the Lord be so devastating for Israel?*
2. *Where can we, as a community, go to answer our thirst for the word of God?*

Prayer Focus We need to hear your word, God. We can’t go it alone. We commit to turning back today, to choosing to live in your light and to working to carry that light wherever you send us.

Are We Thirsty for God’s Word?

Pastor’s message: Amos 8:1-12 *God’s word forces us to face hard reality. We have a choice to make. Close the book and walk away or read attentively and change our ways.*

Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What is your favorite part of summer? Least favorite?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Amos 8:1-12**

Discuss observations about the text

- *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
- *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



ARE WE THIRSTY FOR GOD'S WORD?

July 17, 2022

Monday

Read: Amos 8:1-3 *Amos' vision*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What does a basket of summer fruit have to do with God's indictment of Israel?*
2. *How do you respond to negative predictions?*

Prayer Focus These feel like harsh words. Do we deserve them? We need to open our eyes to take stock. We need to quiet our constant clamor so we can hear your words, God. Bring us close so we can know the truth.

Tuesday

Read: Amos 8:4-6 *Israel's sins*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Who is Amos addressing in this prophecy?*
2. *How might we as a church react if Amos spoke to us?*

Prayer Focus We toss around words like "entitled" and "Me First" and "Not In My Back Yard." We see what our choices have created with what God created out of love for us. We see that our sins are not just our personal choices but what we do as a society and a culture, according to Amos. Show us how to face our sins as a people, Gracious God.