



SMALL GROUP STUDY

Minor Prophets

Joel, Amos, and Obadiah are referred to as minor prophets not because they are inferior but because their message is short. However, sometimes big things come in small packages and these minor prophets have a very big message! God can say a lot in a small package.

Joel - The Day of the Lord

Joel speaks to Judah in the South. Joel takes the immediate circumstance as the lens through which he predicts the ultimate circumstance, the tribulation. This book is laid out to see the current happenings, judgement in the near future and then ultimate judgement in the distant future.

Discussion Questions:

- What instruction does Joel give to the people within the first 5 verses of chapter 1?
- What was plaguing the land/people in Joel's time?
- What is the Day of the Lord?
- What chapters in the book of Revelation deal with the Day of the Lord?
- What scripture out of Joel is quoted by Peter in Acts 2?
- What age does the Day of the Lord usher in?

Amos - The Denunciation of Nations

Amos speaks to the North. He denounces the nations surrounding Judah and then surprisingly denounces Judah and Israel also.

Discussion Questions:

- Where was Amos from? What did he do before he was a preacher?
- How many nations were given a denunciation? Who were they?
- What was their great crime? Where are they today?
- What did Amos do when he had nothing left?
- What were the visions that Amos saw (chapters 7-9 of Amos)? What was the interpretation?

Obadiah - Doom on Edom

Obadiah goes East and speaks to the nation of Edom. Edom was modern day Jordan. We know nothing about this prophet, where he's from, his parents, his friends...nothing.

Discussion Questions:

- What is the meaning of Obadiah's name?
- What did Edom do when Jerusalem needed help?
- Who were the people of Edom descended from?
- Why did God have Obadiah pronounce doom on Edom?
- What wisdom for your own life have you found in these minor prophets and the people of their region and day?