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T H E M I N O R P R O P H E T S



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS



Week 1

Text: Hosea 1:1–3:5

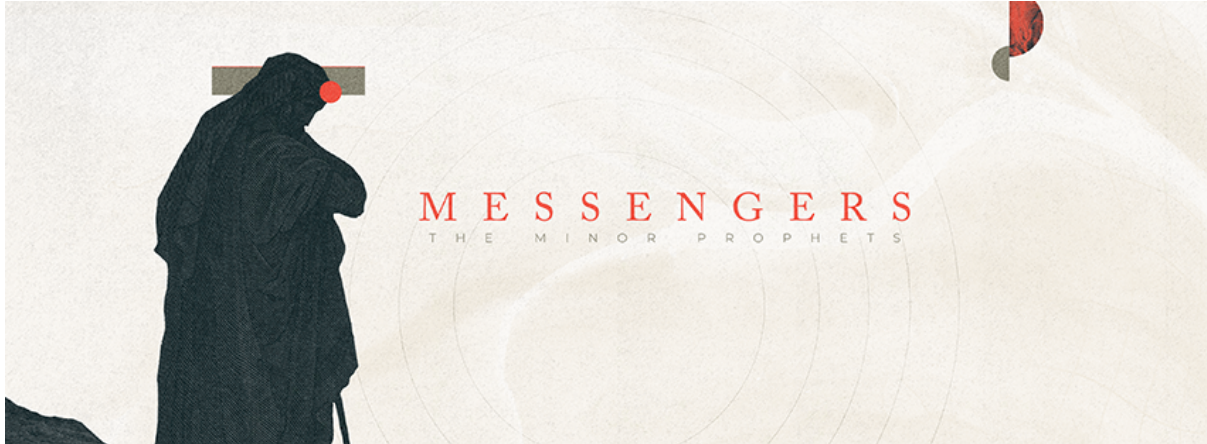
Topics: Infidelity, Idolatry, Judgment, Salvation, Restoration

Big Idea of the Message: God hates our sin, but he loves us. In fact, God hates our sin *because* he loves us.

Application Point: Don't wait for difficult times to get close to God. Learn how to be faithful in both good and bad times.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you struggle with God's view of sin?
3. How does the metaphor in Hosea strike you?
4. Do you find it difficult to be obedient to God in good times? Why or why not?
5. How does Hosea show us that judgment is not the final word?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 2

Text: Joel 1:1–3:21

Topics: Judgment, Repentance, Compassion, Healing, Sovereignty

Big Idea of the Message: God is the sovereign Judge and Savior of the universe.

Application Point: The proper response to God's judgment is repentance, which is a means to the restoring and healing power of God.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you struggle with the notion of God's judgment? Why or why not?
3. How does the image of a loving parent disciplining their child help you understand God's judgment?
4. In what way is judgment connected to restoration in the Bible?
5. Have you ever experienced the restoring power of judgment in your own life?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 3

Text: Amos 1:2; 8:1–3; 9:11–15

Topics: Sovereignty, Judgment, Idolatry, Injustice, Remnant, Renewal

Big Idea of the Message: The justice of God demands that there be punishment for wickedness, but the faithfulness and grace of God demand that there be renewal and restoration.

Application Point: Followers of God should be promoters of justice in the world.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How do we see courtroom imagery in Amos? Who fills each role?
3. Do you think it is just for transgressors to be punished? Why or why not?
4. How do you promote justice in the world?
5. Do you think God's mercy triumphs over judgment in the Bible? How so?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 4

Text: Obadiah 1:1–21

Topics: Anger, Betrayal, War, Justice, Zion, Kingship, Hope

Big Idea of the Message: God is always faithful to his promises—promises to bring justice and redemption.

Application Point: Christians must never lose hope in the justice and faithfulness of God, no matter how dispiriting our circumstances might be.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What family dynamics do we see between Edom and Israel in this book?
3. Are you easily discouraged? Why or why not?
4. Does God's justice encourage you or discourage you?
5. In what ways have you experienced God's faithfulness in your life?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 5

Text: Jonah 1:1–2; 3:5–9; 4:1–3

Topics: Enemies, Bitterness, Sovereignty, Compassion, Repentance, Forgiveness

Big Idea of the Message: God does not wish that any should perish but desires that all would come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

Application Point: Christians are called to love their enemies, pray for those who persecute them, and forgive their trespassers unendingly.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Can you identify with Jonah in this story? In what way?
3. Have you ever felt offended by the grace of God?
4. Do you struggle with forgiveness?
5. How do we love our enemies on a practical level?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 6

Text: Micah 1:3–4; 6:6–8; 7:18–20

Topics: Religion, Threat, Hope, Judgment, Salvation

Big Idea of the Message: God is both our source of judgment and our source of hope.

Application Point: Even in the midst of God's discipline, we can have hope in his redemption and salvation.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. In what way does Micah give us a balanced view of God?
3. How do we remain hopeful in times of discipline?
4. How do we guard ourselves from a false sense of security in the Lord?
5. Are you hopeful for your future in Christ?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 7

Text: Nahum 1:7–8

Topics: Justice, Destruction, Compassion, Fulfillment

Big Idea of the Message: God is a God of justice and compassion.

Application Point: As Christians, we are called to be people of justice and compassion.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it look like to be a person of justice?
3. What does it look like to be a person of compassion?
4. How do we balance these two things?
5. Which do you struggle with more: justice or mercy?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 8

Text: Habakkuk 1:1–3:19

Topics: Theodicy, Evil, Justice, Vindication, Victory, Faith

Big Idea of the Message: Despite appearances to the contrary at times, God is always just and faithful.

Application Point: Christians must patiently trust God to fulfill his purposes in their lives.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you ever question God's faithfulness? Why?
3. Do you ever question God's justice? Why?
4. How do you remain confident in God?
5. Why is patience so important in the Christian life?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 9

Text: Zephaniah 1:1–3:20

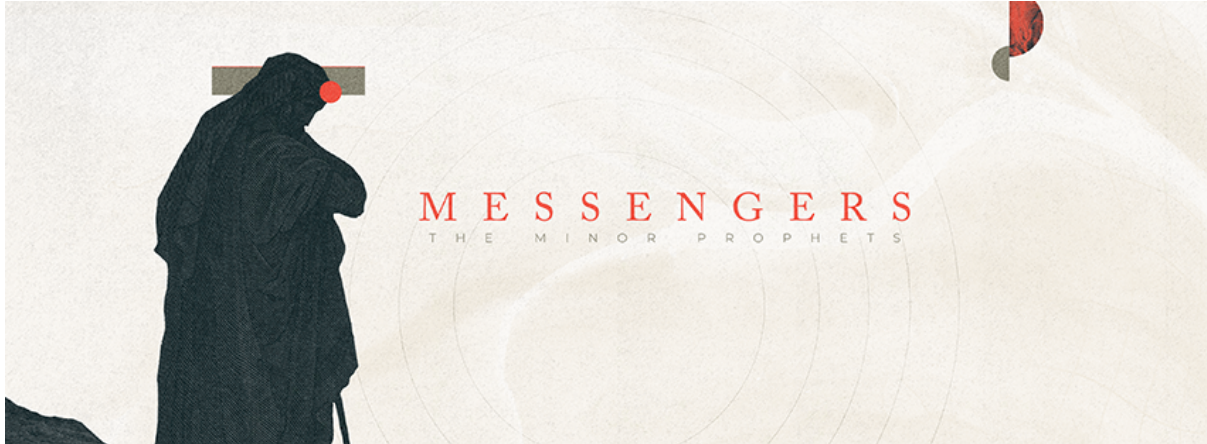
Topics: Judgment, Cleansing, Faithfulness, Mercy, Remnant, Sovereignty

Big Idea of the Message: Even in the midst of disaster, God always has a remnant.

Application Point: Christians are called to be people of restoration and members of God's restoration community.

Discussion Question:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. In what way does remnant theology relate to the contemporary church today?
3. Are there any areas of the modern church that you think need cleansing?
4. What does it look like to be a person of restoration?
5. How can you apply this message to your life?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 10

Text: Haggai 1:1–2:23

Topics: Repercussions, Responsiveness, Obedience, Holiness, Encouragement, Hope

Big Idea of the Message: God is a God of restoration who invites his people to participate in his works of renewal.

Application Point: When God calls us to a work, we are to be responsive and obedient, even in disappointment—always remaining hopeful for the blessings of God on the basis of his unwavering faithfulness to his promises.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. In what ways do you participate in the renewing work of God?
3. How have you seen God's restoring purposes unfold in your own life?
4. Has God specifically called you to a work?
5. Do you feel like you have been obedient to that call?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 11

Text: Zechariah 4:1–14; 9:9–10; 12:10–13:1; 13:7–9

Topics: Reconstruction, Encouragement, Motivation, Redemption, Salvation

Big Idea of the Message: God is in the business of building and constructing his kingdom.

Application Point: As Christians, we should spur others to spiritual growth while striving to progress in our own walks with Christ.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Do you feel like you are an encouraging person?
3. Do you feel like you receive the needed amount of encouragement from others?
4. In what ways do you inspire others to grow in their relationships with God?
5. What kinds of things do you do to progress in your faith?
6. How can we pray for you?



Week 12

Text: Malachi 1:1–4:6

Topics: Disillusionment, Covenant, Unfaithfulness, Judgment, Disputation, Hope

Big Idea of the Message: God is always faithful to both discipline and redeem on the basis of his covenantal promises.

Application Point: When disappointments come our way, we must choose to cling to God's promises and remain faithful.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is a covenantal relationship?
3. What does it mean to be in a covenantal relationship with God?
4. How do you respond to disappointment?
5. Do you find it hard to remain faithful to God when disappointments come your way?
6. How can we pray for you?