



Connect: LIFEgroup discussion guide

Minor Prophets – 3. Nahum

Sunday 19th July 2020

WELCOME: We're continuing our exploration of the Minor Prophets and the implications of their message for us today. As New Covenant people, Jesus is the "lens" we view life through, as we see the world through "Kingdom glasses." If we are truly people of the Messiah, then the outcomes of the challenges brought by the prophets, should be identifiable in the Body of Christ today.

REFLECTION: What does it mean to you to be seeing the world through "Kingdom glasses?" In what ways is the Christian perspective on the world different from any other view?

DISCUSSING THE MESSAGE:

Nahum is a name from a Hebrew word meaning "to be sorry." It is the same root as Nehemiah and is part of the name of the village Jesus spent most of his adult life in – "Capernaum" meaning "village of consolation or sorrow."

Read Nahum 1:1-2

- **Nahum's message comes from God in the form of a "vision?"**
In what ways does God speak to New Covenant people today? What do you sense the Lord is saying presently to Connect Church/Your LIFEgroup/You as New Covenant people?
- **What do you think it means that God is a "jealous God?"**
- **In what ways do you think God's jealousy could be being directed to prevent people from heading in wrong directions?**

1. God seeks relationship with people... however rejection of the opportunity for relationship with God also has consequences.

Read Rom 1:18-20

- **In what ways do people "suppress the truth?"**
- **In what ways has God made the truth obvious?**
- **Was there a time when you were not able to see the truth – does that cause you to have compassion for others who are "blind?"**

Read Rom 1:21-23

- **What "foolish ideas" have you come across of what God could be like?**
- **What sort of things do people in our world worship today?**
- **How do Christians keep life on track in relationship with God and not get distracted?**
- **In what ways do you think God's jealousy might be being directed to prevent us from heading in wrong directions**

Read Nahum 1:3

- What does it mean that “the Lord is slow to get angry?”
- In what ways do you think God has held back his anger?
- It seems at times like ungodly people get away with doing the wrong thing, so what do you think Nahum means when he says that God “never lets the guilty go unpunished?”

2. God is slow to get angry with people

Read 2 Peter 3:2-9

- In what ways are there echoes of Nahum’s prophecy and Paul’s words to the Romans?
- What do these verses say about God’s heart for humanity – even those who deny God’s existence?

Read Nahum 1:7

- How does this describe God?
- How do we stay close to God?

Read Nahum 1:15

- Nahum speaks of a messenger coming with good news, bringing a message of Shalom – what does that mean to us today?
- How should this knowledge impact how we live?

3. God has sent the answer to our brokenness God has revealed the Good News in Christ

While this earth may be our temporary home, there is a day coming when:

The messenger of good news will return – let’s be ready!

Pray together:

Pray for one another that we would have a revelation of what God is trying to teach us today through Nahum and the Minor Prophets; personally, and as a church family. Pray we would recognise the promises God has for us in Christ and learn from the principles of our never changing God.