

Discussion Questions

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Sermon Outline

Talking Points

Yahweh, the Hope of the Nations | Micah 4:1-7

Yahweh's Reign Established (4:1-5)

- People from many nations will receive instruction on how to walk with Him. (vv. 1-2)
- His reign will be marked by peace and paradise. (vv. 3-5)
- **Question:** *How can you share this as you tell people the good news this week? Through your actions? Through your words?*

The Weak Are Made Strong (4:6-7)

- Yahweh wants to restore His people after judgment. (v. 6)
- Yahweh will make triumphant those who were once injured and defeated. (v. 7)
- **Question:** *Where do you need this picture of restoration most in your life right now?*

Bottom Line: The hope of Yahweh is that all people can be restored to righteousness.

* What stands out to you about the image of nations "streaming" to Zion? What does it mean for us, as New Covenant believers, to value and live under God's instruction today?

* Micah describes a reign where swords become plowshares and people no longer study war. What does this vision teach us about the character of Yahweh's kingdom? How does this vision challenge the kingdoms of this world?

* Where in your life are you desiring God's peaceful reign? Where in your life are you still "studying war" (holding grudges, seeking control)?

* Why is it significant that God specifically calls the weak, injured, and exiled into His restored kingdom? How do we take this for granted?

* What area of defeat in your life do you need to trust that God can redeem and turn into strength? Who will you ask to pray for you in this?

* Who in your life needs to hear or be reminded of the hope of Yahweh this week? How can you encourage them through more than just words, but actions as well?

Understanding Scripture

1. Read the passage aloud.

- Question: How would the original audience have understood this passage?
- Question: What was God's desire for them?

2. Reread key verse(s) aloud.

- Question: What does this teach us about the human soul, desires, or behavior?
- Question: What does this teach us about the nature, desires, or behavior of God?

3. Ask if anything is difficult to understand in the passage, or simply point it out yourself.

- Back up from the confusing verse and reread the whole section slowly—highlight the author's flow of thought.
- Ask everyone, "What are some possible interpretations?" Encourage curiosity!
- If needed, provide clarification, but admit if you don't have a satisfactory explanation, and volunteer to research answers. Share your findings over text or at the next meeting.

4. Summarize the passage in 1-3 sentences to refocus the group ("Okay, so far we've seen in Amos...")

- Question: What does this say about our relationship with God and/or each other?
- Question: How do the teachings, actions, or person of Jesus shed light on this passage?

Prayer Requests

