

# Discussion Questions

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## Sermon Outline

## Talking Points

### Amos 9:11-15 | The Day of Restoration

#### The Kingdom of the Messiah Is Coming (9:11-12)

- A royal mediator is going to rise up for the people. (v. 11)
- People from every nation are included in the Messiah's restoration and deliverance. (v. 12)
- **Question:** How can we live as people who embody the hope of the Messiah? Do we associate this hope for all people with our mission as believers?

#### A Restored Creation Is Coming (9:13-15)

- We will enjoy the abundance of creation the way God intended. (vv. 13-14)
- The penalty, power, and presence of sin will be no more. (v. 15)
- **Question:** Where is the brokenness of creation most felt in your life today? For those in need of comfort, what are you learning about the character of God as you see His good intentions to reverse the curse and restore His creation? For the complacent, do you long for this restoration, or are you comfortable with the way things are?

**Bottom Line: All of the curses of sin are being and will be reversed through the work of the King Messiah.**

\* How does the image of a fallen booth (verse 11) being restored help us understand God's purpose, even after severe judgment and exile? How does this give you hope?

\* When have you felt hopeless in a broken or difficult situation? Were you able to eventually look to God for hope?

\* Why is it significant that God's promise of restoration explicitly includes former enemies and Gentile nations?

\* How does the abundance described in verses 13-14 reshape or challenge our view of creation and material blessing?

\* Do material blessings tend to draw your heart toward gratitude and worship, or toward complacency and self-reliance? What are some areas or things in your life where the comfort or abundance from them has dulled your longing for God's restoration?

\* Do you live with fear, in any part of your life, that God might abandon His work in you? Why do you think this?

\* In light of God's coming, promised restoration, how should we respond to it today?

\* What do you need to repent of? What do you need to pray or ask for prayer for? Have you sought fasting as a form to draw closer to God? Pray together as a group for faithful obedience!

## 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

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