

# Discussion Questions

Date: March 22, 2026

Preacher: Josh Ratliff

## Sermon Outline

## Talking Points

### *The Divine Warrior | Nahum 1:1-15*

#### **God Can Be Trusted to Act Against Evil and Injustice (Nahum 1:1-8)**

- God's character and power move Him to act against the unjust and guilty. (1:1-6)
- **Question:** What is our response to God's revealed character? Where are you struggling with doubts about it today?
- God's overwhelming power provides refuge and security for those who trust in Him. (1:7-8)

\* What are your thoughts on how verses 1-6 describe God? What comfort and possibly challenge do you find in these verses?

\* Which aspect of God's character do you struggle with more, His judgement or His mercy? Why?

\* What does it look like to take refuge in God in our day to day lives? What does it look like to run to Him, rather than just waiting passively on Him to come to you?

#### **God Will Defeat His Enemies and Deliver His People (Nahum 1:9-15)**

- God will deal a final blow against those who plot against Him and afflict His people (vv. 9-11, 14).
- God's people will celebrate the good news of their deliverance (vv. 12-15).
- **Question:** Do we trust God with the evils of this world? What might it look like for God's people to entrust the responsibility of vengeance back to God and instead seek security in His goodness?

\* God's judgement will be final. What thoughts and emotions stir inside you when you think about His judgement and what He is going to do to His enemies?

\* What does it mean to be an enemy of God? How have you acted as an enemy of God in your own life? (Romans 5:6-11)

\* Why does Nahum call the people to celebrate and proclaim good news before their situation changes?

\* Are you waiting on your circumstances to change before you rejoice in the Lord? How do we rejoice in the Lord, while also being authentic and honest in our heart postures?

**Bottom Line: God can be trusted to protect His people and defeat the evils of this world.**

\* Where in your life do you need to trust in the Lord more for His protection and provision? How can you practically live with joy and rejoicing this week, rather than bound by fear of the evil taking place around you?

## 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

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

