

Discussion Questions

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Sermon Outline

Talking Points

Faithfulness in the End | Obadiah

Edom Earns Its Judgment for Acts of Violence and Betrayal (Obadiah 1-14)

- Edom has been deceived by her allies and her own pride. (vv.1-7)
- God acts decisively against severe violence and rejoicing against a brother. (vv.8-14)
- **Question:** In what ways can it comfort us to remember that God is actively aware of injustice and determined to defeat it?

God Is Moving Toward a Day of Devastation and Restoration (Obadiah 15-21)

- Edom's devastation is the product of its own actions. (v. 15-16)
- Israel's restoration demonstrates God's faithfulness to uphold His promises (vv. 17-21)
- **Question:** What situations in your life need the hope of this day of restoration?

Bottom Line: God acts faithfully in both judgment and restoration.

* How does pride distort our sense of security? As Christians, is it even possible to have multiple sources of security?

* What are some modern "clefts of the rock" you see people trust in today?

* In today's culture of strong reactions and quick judgments, what does faithfulness to justice look like for followers of Jesus? What feelings come up when you're accused of participating in injustice by "not responding" or "not saying anything"? Are these feelings justified by God's standards? Why or why not?

* How does knowing that God keeps account of all injustices taking place change how we view persecution and suffering? Is there anywhere in your life where you struggle to believe that God sees what is happening?

* How does the principle presented in the passage, "As you have done, it shall be done to you" both confront and humble you?

* Do you trust, believe, and respond with assurance that God is faithful? What area of your life feels the most in need of His restoration right now?

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

