

# Discussion Questions

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## Sermon Outline

## Talking Points

### On That Day God Restores | Zechariah 12-14

#### God Is Restoring Through the Purification of His People (Zech 12:10-13:1)

- God draws His people to repentance by His Spirit. (12:10-14)
- God cleanses His People with "living water." (13:1)
- **Question:** Do we repent only with words or do we reflect lives that have been cleansed by God?

#### God's Restoration will Extend to All of Creation (Zech 14:8-9, 16)

- God's restoration includes all of creation. (14:8-9)
- God's reign transforms all people. (14:16)
- **Question:** What will God's reign look like? How can we participate in His restoration now?

**Bottom Line: All will one day submit to the rule of God. We can participate in His kingdom now.**

- \* Why does repentance typically begin with brokenness and mourning rather than happy celebration?
- \* The Spirit draws His people to repentance. How have you seen the Spirit, in His grace, take the initial step to saving you amidst your sin or rebellion?
- \* What are some common examples of "putrid wells" in our culture today? Why are we tempted to visit/revisit them knowing they will not eternally satisfy us?
- \* How do you reconcile the tension between being declared holy by God and actually becoming holy in our daily habits? Why is repentance better described as a lifelong practice rather than a one time event?
- \* One day we will worship alongside previous "enemies of the faith". What does this future teach us about the depth and power of God's grace? How does His grace challenge you?
- \* How can better understanding what God's eternal reign will look like help us bring more glory to Christ today?
- \* What area of your life needs God's restoration? How can you step outside your comfort zone and participate in the restoration?

How would genuine repentance help in this process? How can you better exemplify genuine repentance to others around you this week?

## 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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