

Obadiah

For the Love of God Series

Discussion Questions

- **Have you ever played “Bible roulette?”**
 - How successful is that, usually?
 - Do you find it best to have a plan when reading the Bible?
- **What is unique about the original audience for the book of Obadiah?**
- **What is the setting?**
 - What events happened?
 - What do we know about Edom?
 - What do we know about the historical relationship between the Edomites and the Israelites?
- **Read Obadiah 10-14**
 - What did the Edomites do when Jerusalem was being attacked?
- **Read Obadiah 3-9**
 - What does God promise as a result?
 - Do you see the irony in God’s judgment of the Edomites?
- **Reflect on this statement by John Walton, “*Prophecy is more important for what it reveals about God than for what it reveals about the future.*”**
 - Do you believe that this is true?
 - How might this influence the way you read the Prophets in the future?
- **What does the book of Obadiah reveal about God?**
- **Why is pride such a big deal to God?**
- **Do you struggle with pride? If so, how?**
- **Reflect on these statements by John Stott, “*Pride isn’t just the first of the ‘seven deadly sins,’ it is itself the essence of all sin*” and “*Pride is our greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.*”**
- **Read James 4:6 and Philippians 2:3-11**
 - How will looking to Jesus help us with our pride?
 - What does it mean to “preach the gospel to yourself?”
- **How can the practices of Confession and Assurance help us?**