

## Zephaniah

For the Love of God Series

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Mark 2:16-17.** Why were the “tax collectors and sinners” eager to gather around Jesus? How was he different than the religious leaders?
2. **Read Zephaniah 3:8-20.** Discuss how God’s message to the people of Israel and Jesus’ response to the scribes and Pharisees align. Why do we need to hear this message?
3. Who are the “humble and lowly”? (Zeph. 3:12) What makes a person humble and lowly in God’s eyes?
4. How does the worship of a humble person differ from the worship of a “proud” person?
5. How do you describe what you think when you think of God? Would you say you feel guilty, afraid, righteous, safe? Does what you think about yourself have its roots in what you have done or in what God has done?
6. Examine the “he will” and “I will” statements God makes in Zephaniah 3:15-20. Summarize in your own words what God says he will do.
7. Do you think of God “rejoicing over you” and “exulting over you with loud singing”? (Zeph. 3:17) If you don’t, why not? How is our understanding of God’s response to us connected to our understanding of the gospel?
8. Why does it matter to us that God is the One who is doing everything to redeem us? What is the most important thing we can do in response?
9. Is there anything in your life you think God won’t forgive you for? If so, explain it to the group. How can we help each other fully embrace the grace we have been given in Christ?
10. Discuss how the cross makes Zephaniah’s prophecy true. Pray and give God thanks for all the things He has done.