

### ***Warming Up***

During this series, one of the things we noted is that the scriptures reveal the heart and character of a living God. Make a list of God's characteristics/attributes that you have discovered? Of those attributes, which one connect with you the most? Why?

What connected with you this week in the message about Amos?

### ***Digging Deeper***

One problem God had with Israel is that they took advantage of the poor and needy. Many times it's a blind spot and we don't even know we are doing it. How do we take advantage of the poor and needy in our culture today?

Followers of Jesus can react in one of two ways when it comes to those in need—we can live in denial or we can live in guilt and think we have to meet the needs of every hurting person we come across. How can you help one another discern what needs to respond to in your world?

**Read I John 3:11-20.** What are we communicating to people when we help with those who are in need? What should our motivation be?

How does John define love in this passage?

**Read Amos 9:11.** How do you feel knowing that God will one day "restore" all things? Do you believe it? Why or why not?

### ***Bringing it Home***

What is one way you can practice Jesus-like love this week? In your family? With a friend? At Church? With politics? In Social Issues? With a difficult person? A person in need?

How will doing this affect your own need for love?

Pray for one another.