

Study Guide

Warming Up

What were some of the sayings your parents said over and over again while growing up?

How do you handle correction?

Did your parents discipline you? In what way? Did you have a sense that their actions were motivated by love? Has that experience impacted the way you relate to God?

Digging Deeper

Read Zephaniah 1:4-9. The people of God had become just like the pagan neighbors all around them. They were "*clad in foreign clothes*". Do you think the church looks like the world today? How should the church look/be different?

Read Zephaniah 1:14-2:3. Describe this "day of the Lord"? What do these judgments reveal about how God views sin and its consequences?

Do you think God is warning people today? Why is it harder to hear God's warnings during prosperity, when things are going well?

Does your faith thrive more in suffering or prosperity? Why is that?

What contemporary signs do you see as God's warning to the nation? To the church? To you?

In what ways are you and your group "seeking the Lord and His righteousness"? (vs. 2:3)

Bringing it Home

What has God needed to say to you more than once? Put another way, is there an area of your life that you struggle to trust God with?

What are some "good things" that have become "god things" in your life?

Why is it important that we begin discipline with ourselves?

Pray for one another.