

## July 9, 2023 | Pastor Tanner Huss Amos 8:4-9:15 | Rebels Restored

## **Scripture References**

Amos 8:4-9:15 Deuteronomy 30:1-6 Isaiah 65 Matthew 4:1-4 Acts 15:1-35 Romans 11 James 1:22-27, 2:14-26

## **Study Questions**

- 1. What does this passage teach us about God's character and the nature of sin? Why do you think God cares so much for the poor and needy? In what ways can we reflect God's character in caring for one another and for people in need around us? Is there a specific way God is calling your community group to consistently live out this kind of care beyond your group? (8:1-10)
- 2. Why is God's Word so important? Why do you think so many Christians today neglect God's Word? What is one way you can grow in applying God's Word daily? Use the acronym SPACE to apply this passage: Is there a Sin to confess? Is there a Promise to trust? Is there an Attitude to change? Is there a Command to obey? Is there an Example to follow or avoid? (8:11-14)
- 3. What makes a good worship song? What is the connection between proper fear of the Lord (9:1-4, 7-10) and true worship of the Lord (9:5-6)? How can we worship God even if we experience his discipline? (9:1-10)
- 4. How does the end of chapter 9 contrast with the end of chapter 8? How does the end of the book of Amos point us toward God's grace and the gospel? How should God's judgment for sin but free gift of forgiveness in Jesus motivate us to share the gospel as often as possible?
- 5. Why is God's faithfulness to promises made to Israel important for even Gentile believers? In what ways do you hope to see God bring restoration to an area of rebellion in your own life? In the life of someone you love? Do you believe he can bring a fruitful harvest in that area of your life or theirs? (9:11-15)

## **Recommended Reading**

Mark Labberton, *The Dangerous Act of Worship* (InterVarsity Press, 2012) Christopher J. H. Wright, *The Mission of God* (InterVarsity Press, 2006) Kenneth Berding, *Bible Revival* (Weaver, 2014) Mark Sayers, *Reappearing Church* (Moody, 2019)