

1. Read Amos 3:1-8 — ***God Speaks Because We Belong to Him.***
 - a. Parents generally do not discipline children who are not theirs. How does God's discipline of us demonstrate his special relationship with us?
 - b. Love does not always mean approval or affirmation. Why can it be difficult to receive God's correction as an expression of his love?
 - c. Amos uses a series of cause-and-effect questions to show that God's warning has a purpose. Why is it significant that God warns his people before judgment comes?
 - d. We live surrounded by competing voices. What voices most often compete for your attention, and how can you make room to listen to God?
2. Read Amos 3:9-4:5 — ***God Exposes What We Have Become.***
 - a. Israel had become so accustomed to sin that they could no longer recognize how far they had wandered. Why does sin become easier to tolerate the longer we live with it?
 - b. God says Israel had become a people who "do not know how to do right." What are some ways our moral compass can become distorted?
 - c. Israel had not become irreligious—they had become hypocritical. What is the difference between religious activity and genuine faith?
 - d. We cannot repent of what we refuse to see. How should we respond when God's Word exposes something in our lives that needs to change?
3. Read Amos 4:6-13 — ***God Warns Us to Return Before It's Too Late.***
 - a. Five times God says, "Yet you have not returned to me." What does this repeated phrase reveal about Israel's response to God's discipline?
 - b. God's discipline was intended to turn Israel around, not simply make them suffer. How might this change the way we view difficult seasons in our lives?
 - c. Amos says, "Prepare to meet your God." Why is the question not if we will meet God, but whether we are ready to meet him?
 - d. The gospel tells us that Jesus did what we could never do for ourselves. How does being reconciled to God through Jesus change the warning of, "Prepare to meet your God"?

Next Week: Amos 5:1-27

Reading Plan: Revelation 3-7



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