

1. Read Amos 5:1-17 — **God Calls Us to Seek Him.**

- Amos sings a funeral song over a nation that looked alive on the outside. What are some ways someone can look successful outwardly while being spiritually empty inwardly?
- God's invitation is simple: "Seek me and live." What does it mean to genuinely seek God rather than simply seek the things he can give us?
- God tells Israel not to seek places of worship like Bethel. What are some good things connected to our faith that can become substitutes for actually seeking God himself?
- Seeking God first changes what we seek next. What does your calendar, money, relationships, or priorities ultimately reveal about what you are seeking first?

2. Read Amos 5:18-20 — **God Confronts Our False Confidence.**

- Being around God is not the same as being right with God. What are some things we can do in church that might give us a false sense of security about our relationship with God?
- Amos compares the day of the Lord to running from a lion only to meet a bear. What does this imagery teach us about the certainty and inescapability of God's judgment?
- It's easy to assume God will judge "them" while overlooking ourselves. How can we use God's Word to diagnose other people's lives while avoiding its diagnosis of our own?
- The gospel gives us true confidence—not because we are enough, but because Jesus is enough. How is this different from the false confidence Amos confronts?

3. Read Amos 5:21-27 — **God Rejects Our Empty Worship.**

- Israel's worship happened through their hands and lips but never reached their hearts. What are some ways our worship can become routine or disconnected from our lives?
- Verse 24 says: "Let justice roll on like a river." What does this verse teach us about the connection between worshiping God and how it overflows into loving people?
- Amos exposes the limits of our religious activity. Why can't we simply try harder or become more religious to fix the heart problem God exposes?
- The gospel isn't about making bad people good, but making dead people alive. How does Jesus change the message of "Seek me and live"?

Next Week: Amos 6:1-14

Reading Plan: Revelation 8-12



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