



GOD'S ROUTE 66, PART 8: THE PROPHETS

The prophets can be some of the least-read and least-understood books in the Bible. They can feel strange, intense, uncomfortable, and hard to understand. But the prophets were not just men who predicted the future. They were men who refused to edit the truth. They spoke for God during seasons when God's people were drifting, compromising, ignoring truth, and refusing to repent. Their messages were often hard, but their purpose was not to push people away from God. Their purpose was to call people back to God. The prophets remind us that God does not stay silent when His people drift. His warnings are not proof that He is done with us. His warnings prove He loves us enough to come after us.

BIG IDEA: Every warning from God is an invitation to come back to Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about Old Testament prophets, what comes to mind first? Why do you think many people avoid reading or studying the prophets?
2. Pastor Jimmy stated, "A prophet wasn't just someone who predicted the future. A prophet was someone who refused to edit the truth." Why is it sometimes hard to hear the truth, even when we need it?
3. Have you ever had someone tell you something you did not want to hear, but later realized you needed to hear it? How did you respond at first?
4. Pastor said, "God warns because God wants you back." How does that change the way you think about God's warnings, correction, or conviction?
5. The prophets were passionate about God's holiness, God's Word, and God's people. Which of those three do you think our culture struggles with the most right now? Which one do you personally need to take more seriously?
6. Read **Deuteronomy 18:21–22**. God gave His people a way to recognize whether a prophet was truly speaking for Him. Why does it matter that God's Word is true and trustworthy?
7. The message compared ignoring God's truth to ignoring a medical diagnosis or breaking the microscope instead of dealing with the sickness. What is one truth people often ignore because it feels uncomfortable?
8. Read **Ezekiel 33:30–33**. The people listened to Ezekiel, but they had no intention of doing what God said. What is the danger of hearing God's Word but not responding to it?
9. People were impressed with the prophet's words but ignored his message. How can we fall into the same trap today with sermons, podcasts, worship songs, or Bible studies?
10. Where might God be warning you right now? Is there an area where He may be inviting you to repent, return, obey, or come back to Him?

MOVING FORWARD

This week, do not treat conviction as condemnation. If God is putting His finger on something in your life, it is not because He hates you. It is because He loves you.

Ask yourself honestly:

What truth have I been ignoring?

Where have I drifted from God?

What warning have I been treating like background noise?

What would it look like to come back to Him this week?

God's warnings are not meant to drive you away. They are invitations to return. Do not smash the fire alarm. Do not ignore the diagnosis. Do not just listen and walk away unchanged.

Come back to God.

WEEKLY READING

“They listen to your words, but they have no intention of doing what you say.” **Ezekiel 33:31 NLT**