



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Welcome! We are glad you are here. If you have a prayer request, comment, or question, please fill out a connection card on the back table.

Nursery and Kids' Church:

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

Our guys will continue to study Daniel while enjoying breakfast on **June 12 at 8 am.**

We will be collecting non perishables for our **Food Drive next Sunday.**

Mark your calendars! **Sports Camp** is coming **June 28 to July 2.** See Michelle for more information.

Are you interested in joining a **Grace Group**? Please contact Paul and Paula Kreitzer for more information.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Introduction to the Minor Prophets
Do We Dare to Hope?

Main Message of "The 12": God seeks to call His people back to a life that evidences obedience to the covenant. Overall, the message is one of relationship: Yahweh wants relationship with His people.

- Understanding the Covenants: God's pursuit of humanity in order to have relationship with His creation.

- The OT Prophets: "Covenant Enforcement Mediators"

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Books of Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah

Some theology and application questions from the historical time period of the prophets:

The books of Kings: the glory and division of Israel

The focus of these books is on the figures primarily responsible for keeping the covenant: the kings and prophets.

- 1 Kings 1-11 — The United Kingdom
 - 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 18 — The Divided Kingdom
 - 2 Kings 18-25 — The Solitary Kingdom (only the Southern Kingdom remains)
1. Be honest and make a list of the “gods” of our culture. What/who do people worship? What do people believe these “gods” will do for those who honor them?
 2. In your own heart and in discussion with others honestly reflect on what or who you might trust in when difficulties arise. Who/what do you look to for deliverance? What “works” for you? The difficulty in determining these “gods” is that, like Israel, we seek to justify and rationalize them. Pray and ask the Lord to help you see your “gods.”
 3. Understand that we do not simply repent of “gods” and they are gone. This is a battle that will continue until the Lord returns. Pray for the church, your close friends, and your own heart that the Lord would help you maintain purity and forsake the “gods” of this world.

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah: returning to the Land

The focus of these books is an account of the 3 returns to Israel to rebuild the Temple and the walls of Jerusalem so the people can live in security, restore their exclusive worship of Yahweh, and live in light of the covenant.

1. What would it look like if your life history was written out like Israel’s in Nehemiah 9? Could you even write a brief history now? In other words, could you recount the ways the Lord has pursued you, poured out His love on you, shown mercy to you, and yet you walked away?

Thank the Lord for His loving-kindness. Praise His name that He can be so great, yet be so merciful. Give glory to Him for the ways He has demonstrated mercy to you time and time again.