

Flee to Jesus – Zephaniah 3:9-20

The judgement of God is not an easy pill to swallow and seems unfair, even. But what if all the evil in the world remained unchecked and nothing was restored? For those who take refuge in the Lord, the judgement of God is good news, because he is restoring all things. Is it worth seeking refuge in him? Listen in as Andrew Norbury shows from Zephaniah 3 the benefits of trusting in the Lord.

For personal reflection/ community discussion:

1. What stood out to you the most in this sermon? What surprised you? What encouraged you?

2. Have you ever asked yourself: "Does God really care?" How does pronouncement of judgement at "the Day of the Lord" speak into that? To whom is this bad news and to whom is it good news? What is the promise to those who seek refuge in the Lord?

3. Speak through the 5 benefits of fleeing to God that Andrew mentioned: Forgiveness, Transformation, Peace, Love, Joy. Point out where they are anchored in Zeph 3:9-20.

4. How do verses 13, 15 and 16 speak to an anxious person? Very practically, how is the Lord's nearness a comfort and help the for anxious? Consider the anecdote from Jack Miller: "Controlling your life is anxiety producing. No man can do it." How is the good news of "God with us" an aid against our anxiety?

5. V. 14 and 17: God makes much of us - to his own glory? How do these two go together?

6. What might it look like for you to take refuge in God this week? Is there one of the 5 benefits that you need to especially hold on to?