

eGroup Questions

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Verse: Amos 5:21-24

PRAY

Begin your group study with an opening prayer. Acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit, who serves as a teacher as you gather.

REVIEW

What truth did you discover in the previous lesson? Did it transform how you live your life in any way? Even if it was small.

CONNECT

In this lesson, we are looking at the book of Amos. As a group, share your thoughts on the following questions.

Have you ever experienced a time when you did something or performed something, but your heart was not completely on board? What was that thing? How did you feel internally? At what point did your heart change? When did you become aware of your heart's condition?

OBSERVE

Read your selected passage out loud as a group. While you read, take note of details, words, or phrases that jump off the page. Take a moment to share your findings with the group.

DISCUSS

Before this lesson, what would you say you knew about the book of Amos? Upon reading Amos 5:21-24, was there anything new that stood out to you?

Using your own words, how would you describe the lesson Amos has for Israel? What is God trying to show His people?

Amos says, *"I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me."* (Amos 5:21) God uses extremely direct language in this passage. How do you imagine the people of Israel felt hearing this declaration? What do you think Amos was attempting to address?

Amos says, *"even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them."* (Amos 5:22) Why did God refuse to accept Israel's offerings? What does this mean about the way offerings get brought to God? Is there a wrong way and a right way? How does that look?

Amos says, *"but let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5:24) What do you think this is saying to us today? How do you see it having an impact on the way we live?

MAIN IDEA

In one to three sentences, summarize your main take-away from this lesson. Share your thoughts with the group.

PRAY

Now that you have finished your study, take this opportunity to pray together as a group. Feel free to collect any prayer needs from the group members.