

eGroup Questions

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Verse: Nahum

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 Nahum. As a group, share your thoughts on the following questions.

Sometimes we place our trust in things that we feel will protect us from harm. Have you ever experienced putting your trust in something that you thought would protect you and it turned out to be false? How did that look? How did you recognize that it was false? What did you need to do to course-correct?

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

As we enter into the book of Nahum. Was there any new meaning that you learned or noticed about the message of this prophet?

Nahum's oracles gave Judah—the southern kingdom—encouragement at a time when the future appeared dark and uncertain for the nation. God shows his people there is always a reason for hope when they trust Him. How does the culture we live in today, mitigate against our trust in God? Does the message of hope for Judah, tell us how we should feel in uncertain times?

A strong message in Nahum is the idea of false protection. Nineveh considered themselves protected from their enemies because of their fortified city and alliances with other strong nations. Because of this attitude and oppression, God sent Babylon to destroy Nineveh in 612 BC. Are there things in your life that you thought would protect you, and they turned out false? How does that look? In what ways do we display an attitude like the people of Nineveh? Does this attitude sometimes make its way into our church culture?

A strong theme that God will bring ultimate justice to the nations runs through the message of Nahum. Can we trust that God will bring final justice in our lives and situations? Do we tend to take revenge or justice into our own hands? How does that look? How can we move to have a different approach?

Nahum shows us that God is sovereign in the rise and fall of nations like Assyria, Babylon, and Persia. Do you think that God is still involved in the nations in the same way today? How does that look? Do you believe God is in control of our Church's rise and fall?

Nahum is not a book that most people study or teach on. We don't hear many sermons today taught in this book of the Bible. How would you convey the message of Nahum to someone that knows nothing about it? What do you believe are essential messages to know and understand?

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.