

11. How should the knowledge that God rejoices and sings over your salvation affect the way you think and act?



HEART

12. In one word, summarize the teaching of Zephaniah. How does this make you feel as a Christ-follower?

13. In Zephaniah 3:16, the humble are encouraged to “let not your hands grow weak.” What do you see in 3:17-20 that will help you to be diligent in being faithful to God?



HANDS

14. When people speak to you about the wickedness and dangers in the world today, how can you bring the conversation around to the hope there is through trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation?

15. What practical application from pastor Danny’s message stood out to you the most? What will you do in response?

MINOR PROPHETS, MAJOR TRUTH

ZEPHANIAH

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Division of Zephaniah:

- I. Judgment is declared against Judah.
- II. Judgment is declared against the nations.
- III. Salvation is declared for the remnant.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. God _____ your complete allegiance.
2. God _____ you when you humble yourself before Him.
3. God _____ over you when you receive His salvation.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

1. What aspects of your life do you tend to compare to others? When you compare yourself with others, do you tend to think too highly or too lowly of yourself? Why do you think that is?
2. Recall a time when you suffered because of someone else's pride and arrogance. How did you feel? How did you respond?



BIG IDEA OF SUNDAY'S SERMON

God rejects the proud but will rescue the humble.



HEAD

Read Zephaniah 1-3

3. From the text itself, what did you hear/learn that you did not know before this weekend?
4. What is significant about the probability that Zephaniah was a member of the royal family? Why is it difficult to witness to your own family? How can you overcome this difficulty?
5. One of the reasons that God declared judgment against Judah was that they were imitating the godless cultures around them. What are some subtle ways the godless aspects of our own culture affect us?
6. Pastor Danny said of Judah, "They were practicing 'practical atheism.' They were trusting their prosperity." What does this mean? Are there aspects of your life where you act as if God does not exist?
7. Judah would have been happy to see God destroy the surrounding nations. However, they were blind to the fact that they were guilty of some of the same things. What are some blind spots Christians have today when it comes to sinful behavior?
8. We are constantly reminded that we live in a pluralistic society. Under which circumstances should Christians be tolerant of other views and the claims of other religions?
9. An idol is anything you put before God. Judah was condemned for combining the worship of God with false idols. Since God demands your complete loyalty to Him, what are some things you need to give up or stop doing so He can have it?
10. Why is pride such a big problem? What are some ways you demonstrate pride in your daily life? What can you do to replace pride with humility?