

Warm-up

- Why do we tend to compare ourselves to other people?
 - What ways can this be good?
 - What ways can this be bad?

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Read

Amos 2: 6-8

Group Discussion

- What four sins did Israel commit?
 - Sold the righteous/needful (accepted bribes in courts)
 - Pushed the poor out of the way (lack of compassion)
 - Sexual sin (religious prostitution)
 - Profit from unjust fines (cheating the poor)
- What do these four sins have in common? (greed for more power, prominence, pleasure, and possessions)

Read

Amos 4: 1-5

Group Discussion

- How has God presented himself in this section of scripture?
- How might we similarly offend God in our culture today?

Read

Amos 5: 21-24

Group Discussion

- Have you ever considered God “hating” worship?
- What are the things God desires of us before he looks favorable on our worship?
- How might this verse be relevant in your community today?