

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

Amos: Let Justice Roll



Opening

1. Many Christians go through seasons where they feel far from Christ. Describe a time in your life where you felt like you were drifting in your faith.

Going Deeper

Read Amos 2:4-8

1. Often times when we read the Old Testament, we wonder why the Israelites had such a tough time following God. What do you think made the religious life of the nations so appealing to them?
2. Eugene Peterson suggests that our post-Christian culture is just as religious as the cultures of the Ancient Near East. Would you agree?
 - a. Where do you see expressions of worship in our culture today?
 - b. What are the most enticing “Baals” for you?
3. Our passage suggests that Israel’s slide into idolatry wasn’t something that happened overnight, but it was a slow drift that took place over many years, even generations. What are some of the unhealthy practices we’ve inherited from the generation before us?
4. Israel’s slide into idolatry wasn’t just the result of being enticed by foreign idols, but also by rejecting God’s instruction. Why do you think they rejected God’s instruction?
 - a. What are some ways that Christians today reject God’s instruction?

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5. In Amos, the rejection of God's instruction and embrace of foreign gods led to greed, arrogance, and exploitation. How do you see a similar trend taking place in our own context?

6. If drifting from faith in Christ is a slow (and often easy) process, how do we remain grounded in Christ?

Close in Prayer