

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE: (60-minute session—12-08-19)

New Message Series: The Messiah in the Minor Prophets

Leading up to Christmas, we are going to be looking at several Old Testament passages from the Minor Prophets. Often, people skip over these books because of the doom and gloom factor. It's true, they have more than their fair share of doom and gloom, but the dark clouds of doom and gloom are often tempered with rays of hope. The message of the Minor Prophets looks forward to the coming Messiah and his redeeming work.

Today's Lesson: Amos

In Sunday's lesson, we gave three reasons why it's important to read the minor prophets. Paraphrase the three reasons below:

- 1.) _____
- 2.) _____
- 3.) _____

Which of the three reasons (for reading the minor prophets) stood out most to you? Why?

I. The _____ and the _____:

Where was Amos from? What was Amos's job? What did Amos's name mean? What kind of training did Amos have? How did God use Amos? What does all of this tell us?

Describe what life was like in Northern Israel, when God called Amos. What did the people worship? How would Amos have been treated? Find the answers in Amos; 2Kings 13; 14; 15

II. The _____:

Fill in the blanks below, as we talk about the heart of God.

- 1.) God's heart hates _____. Can you give an example of injustice in our world today?
- 2.) God's heart longs for people to _____. What's repentance? Does God try to deter us from harm? How?
- 3.) God's heart breaks when we look away from acts _____. How can Christians respond to injustice?
- 4.) God's heart breaks when we _____ in injustice: How do we do this?

Application:

- 1.) Don't ever say God can't _____ someone like _____.
- 2.) Search your _____ and _____ with the injustice that _____ there.
- 3.) Don't blast through the _____ and _____ that God puts in your path.
- 4.) Open your _____ to the injustice wherever God has placed you and do something.
- 5.) Make sure the church you is the _____ you.
- 6.) Don't give up... _____ has the _____ word.