

Dig Deeper @Home – “Mighty One”
Complement to sermon on November 12, 2017

MEMORIZE – Zephaniah 3: 16-18

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

READ Zephaniah 2

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. What does Zephaniah say is the only way the people might escape the coming judgment? (2:1-3) How do you seek God? What gets in the way?
4. What sins had the nations around Judah committed and how would they be punished? (2:4-15) What hope does Zephaniah offer? (2:7)
5. To those who scoffed and asked why the “Day of the Lord” that the prophets foretold had not come, Peter offers an answer (2 Peter 3:1-13). What is that answer and how does it illustrate God’s mercy, grace, and love? What advice is there for us still waiting for that final “Day of the Lord” yet today?

Bottom Line – Summarize Zephaniah 2 in your own words

EXPERIENTIAL

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Zephaniah 2.

Waiting for the Day of the Lord

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas there are family and friends we look forward to seeing at these special times. Maybe there are persons in your life who live at a distance who you only see once or twice a year. Choose one of those persons to send a card to them ahead of time and tell them how you are looking forward to seeing them. As you do this be reminded of the Day of the Lord coming to bring a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness for all who believe and trust in Jesus.

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

The Day of the Lord - www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFm4Ysi-cSU

This song is a reminder of the great and awesome Day of the Lord that is coming. It may be new but it has a message that will keep us looking forward and trusting in the Lord for His coming again.

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps – Mennonite Hymnal #201

This hymn speaks to Jesus reigning in heaven and waiting to return. The song writer pleads for Christ to hasten His appearance and to bring the awesome, glorious day of the Lord.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Thank you merciful God that you warn us because you do not want to wound us. Just as a day of judgment was coming for the ancient world, so a day of judgment is coming for our world. In the face of such imminent danger you call us not to scatter and hide but to gather and pray. In your kindness you lead us to repentance. Thank you for the promise that those who call on you will be saved. Have mercy on us, for in you our soul takes refuge. Amen