



**Dig Deeper @Home – “Planted (not buried)”
Complement to sermon on 5/5/2019 – “Roar of Judgment”**

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

1. You are at the zoo. You fall into an animal pen. Which one would you choose to fall into and why?
2. What is your favorite flower and why?

MEMORIZE – Amos 9:15

I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the LORD your God.

READ – Read Amos 1:1 – 2:3

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Count up all the times God says “I will” in these verses. What does this reveal about God? List out at least 5 things this tells you about the LORD our God.
4. In these verses, there are 6 judgments given to different people groups: Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, the Ammonites and Moab. Take time and look these different places up. Who are these people? What is their relationship to Israel? What is their history with God and the people of God?
5. Several kings are mentioned throughout these verses. One of these is Hazael (v4). Take time to read about him in 2nd Kings 8: 7-15. What do you find out about Hazael? What does this also say about God?
6. What do we know about the time Amos prophesied? Read 2nd Kings 15 about King Uzziah (also called King Azariah) and 2nd Kings 14: 23-29 about King Jeroboam. Consider how Israel is doing in terms of spiritual and physical prosperity.

Experiential: The God of “I wills”

It's sad but true that the realities of life can drown out the promises of God. But we don't have to settle for this, we can do something. That “something” is to dwell on the promises of God, the “I wills.” Some of them, like in Amos chapter 1, remind us that He is a God of perfect justice. Each day this week, find a different “I will” statement from the Bible and dwell on it all day long. Here are some to possibly consider: Exodus 6: 6-13, Zechariah 2: 4-5, Matthew 11:28, John 14: 16-18

Testimony Time

When was a time you received or offered compassion from another? How did it impact you?

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

Rescuer - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leh-4fCc5MI>

Lion King by KB - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZCocE2OEM4>

How Firm a Foundation – Mennonite Hymnal #260 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwGW8qRqz4I>

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. 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:

Go from here, as God's chosen race, as God's royal priesthood, as God's holy nation, as God's very own people. Go, proclaiming the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light, who gave new hope for life here and hereafter.