

Dig Deeper @Home – “Planted (not buried)”
Complement to sermon on 5/12/2019 – “Call to Remember”

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

1. Recall a time when you deserved to be disciplined, but weren't. What happened?
2. What money-making venture did you enjoy as a child?

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 2:4-16

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. In verse 4, the LORD states that “their lies have led them astray.” The word “lie” is used other places in the scriptures to refer to “idols”. Read Psalm 4:2; 40:4; Isaiah 28:15,17. In what ways have you been tempted to believe “lies” which are actually idols? (HINT: Where or from what do you get your sense of security and significance?) How have these taken you away from your relationship with God?
4. In verses 11,12 Amos refers to a Nazirite. Read Numbers 6:1-8 to learn more about the Nazirite. What three prohibitions were given to the Nazirite's vow to God? Why do you think each of these was prohibited? What would this tell other people about the Nazirite? How might this draw the Nazirite closer to God? There is mention made in Scripture of only three who were Nazirites for life. Can you name them? (Judges 13:4 Judges 13:5; 1 Samuel 1:11; Luke 1:15). In its ordinary form, however, the Nazirite's vow lasted only thirty, and at most one hundred, days
5. What do the sins of Israel that God points out in verses 6-8 have in common? When Jesus arrives on the scene some 800 years later, he confronts the religious leaders of the people for some of the very same things. Read Matthew 23: 1-38 and note the similarities between the prophet's words and the words of Jesus.

Experiential: My Museum

Imagine that a community has decided to build a museum in your honor! The museum has been built and now it is up to you to help create the displays. Think of one or two mementoes from your life (childhood, school, spiritual life, accomplishments) so far that will be on display. For the exhibit marked "The Future", what do you hope to show some day? Take turns going around the group and telling what is on display in your personal museum and why.

Testimony Time

When was a time someone addressed a sin that concerned you? How did this feel? How did you respond?

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

Living Hope by Phil Wickham <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hgrvIMeLQ1k>

Worship and praise the One who sets us free. Jesus has broken every chain and there is salvation in His name. Praise Him!

Marvelous Grace – Mennonite Hymnal #541

God's marvelous grace exceeds by far our sin and our guilt. Let us return to him and let go of the sin which so easily entangles us.

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:

Even in your wrath, Lord, you graciously warn us to turn away from our sin. Time and again you caution us, counsel us. You never punish without first giving us every opportunity to repent. O God, help us to listen to you. Draw us away from the idols which hold us and keep us from responding to Your voice. Thank you, Lord for your mercy and compassion, in the Name of your son, Jesus we pray. Amen