

Dig Deeper @Home – “Planted (not buried)”

Complement to sermon on 5/19/2019 – “A Call to Consider”

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

1. Riddle time: Name three consecutive days with using the words Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday.
2. Riddle time: What belongs to you but other people use it more than you?

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 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. In 3:1, Amos identifies “people of Israel” and “the whole family” as the people to whom God is speaking. What is significant about this wording? What is the connection to followers of Jesus living in 2019?
4. Israel is in a time of prosperity during the time that Amos prophesied. Although prosperous, they were a mess. The poor were overlooked, taken advantage of or abused. God’s ways were not made central and when prophets were brought to raise awareness, the people rejected it, believing their prosperity to be a sign that God was pleased with them. So they didn’t change their ways. What signs are we tempted to believe show that God is pleased with us? Where are you currently unaligned with God’s word and what do you need to change to become aligned?
5. In verse 10, God declares, “they (the people of Israel) do not know how to do right...those who store up violence.” We may be tempted to think this doesn’t refer to us. However, Jesus says that to hate someone is equal to murdering them (Matthew 5:21-22, 1 John 3:15). With this in mind, what “violence” do you need to confess to God? Take time to do this and ask for His forgiveness and the Holy Spirit to bring transformation.

Experiential: Testimony Time

“Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt.” These are the words that open chapter 3 of Amos. A significant piece of identity for Israel was where they were brought up from. Take time and share with your family or small group where God brought you up from and where God is currently bringing you up from. We do this as a way to show God’s grace, mercy and power to one another. (tip: as you tell the story, make sure that God/Jesus/The Holy Spirit is the hero). When you are done sharing, take time to use the songs below to worship our great triune God together.

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.