



Dig Deeper @Home – “Planted (not buried)”
Complement to sermon on 5/26/2019 – “A Call to Return”

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

1. Thunderstorms: awesome? Scary? Or use your own word to describe
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 4

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?

In 4:5, God speaks of a thank offering. Read up on the thank offering in Leviticus 7: 11-15. What is the point of a thank offering?

3. Read Matthew 6: 1-4. How are these words of Jesus like the words of the LORD spoken through Amos in verses 4-5? What is God’s rebuke in both of these instances?
4. In verse 2 & 5, Amos uses the phrase “adonay yhwh” translated as “LORD GOD” or “Sovereign LORD.” This phrase is used 21 times in the book of Amos. This phrase is meant to stress the sovereignty of Yahweh.
 - a. Where else do you see the sovereignty of Yahweh being presented in chapter 4? (hint: check out all the “I will” statements) What is the implication of these statements?
5. In 4:13, God identifies himself as one who “declares to man what is his thought.” Take time to really dwell on this verse. What is so amazing about this? How often do you take time to receive the thoughts of God? What would it look like in your life to do this regularly?

Experiential: Testimony Time

Sovereign LORD. This is a common title for our Triune God not only in Amos but in the entire Old Testament. It speaks to the power and sovereignty of God. Share examples of your life where you can see the sovereignty of God at work. 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)

Oh Praise the Name - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqBpifDpNKc>

Praise Adonai - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JG-R4DjBtog>

I stand Amazed in the Presence – Mennonite Hymnal #540

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.