

Dig Deeper @Home – “Planted (not buried)”
Complement to sermon on 6/30/2019 – “The End has Come”

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

1. Share highs and lows of the past week.
2. Situation: For a whole day, you have to be a sports ball. Which ball would you be and why?
 - a. For example: I would be a golf ball because it would be like I was flying

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 9

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What bothers you or makes you uncomfortable about this passage? Why?

2. What do you like/not like about this passage?

3. Compare and contrast Amos 9: 1-10 with Psalm 139.
 - a. How does the author of Psalm 139 feel about God knowing all things (omniscience) and being in all places (omnipresent)?
 - i. When have you experienced this in your life?
 - b. What is the response to God knowing all things and being in all places in Amos 9: 1-10?
 - i. When have you experienced this in your life?
 - c. In your own life, when are you comforted by God’s omniscience and omnipresence? When does this invoke more fear rather than comfort?
 - d. Why should followers of Jesus only ever be comforted by God’s omniscience and omnipresence?

4. Amos ends with amazing promises by God which are seemingly about Israel. However, read 2nd Corinthians 1: 18-22. With that in mind, how are Christians to understand the promises of the OT and specifically of Amos 9: 11-15? (hint: Israel isn’t a place, it’s a Person)

Experiential: Backyard screenings

Dig up some dirt. Make sure the dirt you gather is dry and full of debris like stones, grass, twigs, etc. Use a strainer or sieve from the house and dump the dirt through the strainer. What happens? Now read again Amos 9. How does this help you understand verse 9? Who are the stones that the sieve will keep from hitting the ground? (hint: you and me) Who is represented by the pure grain that will be on the ground or in your case, the screened dirt? (hint: Jesus)

God wants to plant you to blossom and the only way our seed (us) can blossom is when we are planted in Christ. Take some time to reflect on the following: are you planted in Christ? What else are you tempted to be planted in? How do you remain planted in Christ each day? What can you do each day to intentionally remain planted in Christ? If you are married or have children, how you can help your spouse and kids remain planted in Christ?

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>

Hard Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVcYTLdvFhU>

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.