

Discussion Questions - 2/5/23

A God Who Will Bring Justice - Amos 1-2:3

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- When you see the many injustices that run rampant in our world, do you ever wonder if God cares or sees or will do something about these injustices?
- The picture of God in Amos 1 is that God sees injustice and God plans to bring justice.
 - Does this help you as you see the injustices in our world today and in the past? Why or why not?
- In each case the injustices that Amos points out have to do with the unjust treatment of people against people and powerful people against less powerful people.
 - What does this communicate concerning God's attitude towards injustice?
- In nearly every case of injustice, God has allowed the injustice to exist for some period of time. The Bible says that God allows time for people to repent; that is why He allows injustice to persist.
 - Does God's patience help you understand why injustice goes unpunished? Why or why not?
- Since God is the righteous judge of all people, how does His justice affect you personally? In other words, the entire world stands under God's righteous judgement.
 - How does this help us see the beauty of the cross of Jesus for us?