



Sermon
Discussion
Guide

Sunday, October 16, 2022

THE MINOR PROPHETS: Nahum

Read/Reflect

1. Read Nahum 1 (also ch.2 & 3 perhaps). How does hearing this prophecy impact you if you read it:
 - As if you are an offending Ninevite
 - As if you are an Israelite captured by Ninevites
 - As if you are an indifferent outsider
2. From Nahum 1:2-10 draw as many descriptions as you can of God and his character.

Explore

3. What is your impression of the message of the Minor Prophets?
 - It's all judgments from God
 - It makes God look mean and angry
 - What is it doing in the Bible?
 - Could it be a part of the Good News?
4. What is your reaction to Nahum's prophecy? Is it a warning for the faithful not to go against God? Or is it encouragement to the faithful, and then is it right to be comforted by God eliminating the enemy?
5. How does this prophecy fit into God's larger plan to bring salvation to the world? Where is God's mercy, love and compassion in this prophecy?
6. When have you longed for God's punishment on wickedness? Have you ever been impatient with God's timing for judgment on evil and injustice?
7. How would you apply this prophecy to you personally?
 - I hate evil like God does, but I will let him be the judge and vindicator.
 - I hate the evil in my own life, through Jesus, God be gracious to me, a sinner.

Pray

- Name some of the evils in our world, and pray that God will bring about his judgment and redemption
- Confess the wrong and brokenness of your own life, and pray for God's mercy through Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for his power to eliminate all the wrong in our world, and for his grace to save and redeem.