

THE MINOR PROPHETS: Zephaniah

Read/Reflect

- 1. Read the three chapters of Zephaniah and try to summarize each chapter in 1-2 sentences.
- 2. How is the "Day of the LORD" described? What aspects of it make it a day of punishment (chapter 1)? What aspects of it make it a day of restoration (chapter 3)?
- 3. In chapter 2, Zephaniah calls Judah to repentance. What does this teach us about repentance?

Explore

- 1. One of the main reasons for God's punishment on Judah was idolatry. What would you say are the idols of your own life? How might we guard ourselves from worshiping these idols?
- 2. As you think about the day of Jesus' return, what emotions or thoughts fill your heart? How does that shape how you live in the present?
- 3. What role does repentance play in your prayer life? Do you find repentance to be a hard thing to grasp and practice or do you find it easy?
- 4. In Zephaniah 3:17, it says that God will rejoice over His people with singing when He restores His presence among them on the Day of the LORD. What does this teach us about God's character?

Pray

- Zephaniah calls the people of Judah to sing on the Day of the LORD when He restores them (3:14).
 Together as a group, sing a song or two that rejoice in God's saving work. Spend time thanking God for the salvation we have received through Jesus. Ask Him also to fill your hearts with peace and hope as you look forward to the day of Jesus' return.
- Read Hebrews 10:19-25. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to empower you so that your life group would be a community where vv.24-25 could become a reality.