

Seek Me and Live

Week of Oct. 24th
Amos 5

The prophet Amos warned God's people of the coming judgment because God was not grieved by their inauthentic worship and their treatment of the vulnerable. God desires justice and righteousness, and when we seek him, justice and righteousness should flow from us.

1. Read Amos 5:4-7, 10-12 and 21-23. The people of Israel were going through the motions of religion, but not seeking God. Their hearts weren't changed by their worship. How have you seen religious rituals become a substitute for true heart change? How can we fight against just going through the motions?
2. Read Isaiah 58. Here we see a similar rebuke of religious ritual without heart transformation. What are some indicators that demonstrate that we are truly seeking God's heart and being changed by Him?
3. Read Matt. 15:8-9. In what ways can it be easy to honor God with our lips, but have our hearts be far from Him?
4. Read Amos 5:15 and 21-24.
 - What does God desire instead of the noise of religious rituals?
 - How does Matt. 25:35-40 give practical application to what justice and righteousness looks like lived out?
5. Read Amos 5:8-10. When we come face to face with God's greatness, we are challenged to change. When God or someone else challenges your perspective, are you willing to take a hard look at your beliefs and behaviors in light of scripture?
6. How did the following points, made by Pastor Derrick, impact you? Are you willing to let God's Word and His Spirit speak to you in regard to them?...
 - The statement black lives matter is Biblical not political because in Genesis 1 it says that all were created in the image of God.
 - If the church was operating as it was intended to, there would be no need for the organization Black Lives Matter.
7. Read Amos 5:14-15.
 - What does it look like to seek good and not evil and to hate evil and love good?
 - God pursued us when we were in desperate need. What might it look like for us to pursue others and to pursue justice and righteousness in this season?

NOTES:

OTHER RESOURCES

READY TO GO DEEPER?

New Testament Reading

Many of us started this reading plan on Oct. 1st. If you haven't jumped in yet, it's not too late.

Here's the specific passages for this week. You can find all the details for the reading plan and an optional podcast that explains each day's reading at

www.woodmenvalley.org/bible

Join us on your Woodmen campus FB page to hear what people are sharing about what they are learning.

Oct. 24th – John 9-10
Oct. 25th – Luke 10
Oct. 26th – Luke 12-13
Oct. 27th – Luke 14-15
Oct. 28th – Luke 16-17
Oct. 29th – John 11
Oct. 30th – Luke 18

As you read or listen, consider the following...

- What do I learn about God and His character?
 - What do I learn about His heart for unity?
 - What promises can you cling to?
- What is He encouraging you to believe, think or do?

Outside our Walls

Prayer

Pray that Woodmen Valley, Proclamation Church and all of us who call ourselves Christ-followers would reflect God's heart for justice and righteousness.

Pray that we would reflect God's heart for unity and love and that we would seek the flourishing of all people.

DIVE IN ON YOUR OWN TO GET READY FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Run from Sexual Immorality

1 Corinthians 6:12-20