

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week 19

Hosea 1 - Obadiah 1 | Psalm 122 - 128

Hosea:

1. Which kings are ruling in Israel during the years Hosea was prophesying? What was the culture of the nation like?
2. What reason did God give for instructing Hosea to marry a promiscuous woman? What did God instruct Hosea to name his children and what were the meanings of their names?
3. What reasons are given in Hosea 4:1-2 that the land mourns?
4. Hosea ends with a plea to repent and a promise of restoration. What does this show us about God's plan for mankind?

Joel:

5. Joel uses a plague of locusts in Chapter 1 to foreshadow the devastation that would come if the children of Israel did not come to repentance. What does true repentance look like in Chapter 2:12-14?
6. What is God's response to his people repenting in Chapter 2:18-32?

Amos:

7. What 5 visions did God send to Amos in Chapters 7-8?
8. After God "shakes the house of Israel" (9:9) to remove the "sinners", what does He say he will do in 9:11-15? How does this speak again of God's big picture plan and love for His people?

Obadiah:

9. The Edomites were descendants of Esau, the son of Isaac, the brother of Jacob. What does Obadiah say the Edomites did against his brother Jacob (Israelites) in vs. 10-12? What would be the consequences for this in vs. 15-18. What blessings are found for Israel in vs. 19-21.

Prayer Prompt:

Read Psalm 127:1-2. As the excitement for a New Year dies down and your motivation might be fading, ask yourself if you're resting in the only One who can bless your work. He is the one who builds with you, who watches over you. Pray for His wisdom and direction as you continue in your plans and goals for this year. Pray that He would give you His rest even as you work for Him.