

4-26 Connect Group

Welcome

Opening Question: When is an unexpected blessing that you have received?

Worship

Word

Read Nahum 1:1-11 and answer the following questions.

- 1) How would you sum up the message and tone of these verses?
- 2) What does it mean that “God is a jealous and avenging God?” What is the difference between appropriate jealousy and sinful envy?
- 3) Even in this declaration of judgment, we still see evidence of God’s desire for mercy and salvation. Which verses remind you of this?
- 4) Read the following verses again: **Ezekiel 18:32, Joel 2:12-13, Jonah 4:1-2, 2 Peter 3:9.**
- 5) Even though God is merciful, these verses remind us that He is also holy and just. Why are justice and judgment a necessary part of His goodness?

Read Nahum 3:1-7, 18-19

- 1) These verses speak descriptively of Nineveh’s destruction. What stands out to you?
- 2) Got questions states, “Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, was destroyed in 612 B.C. by the Medes. This was in fulfillment of the prophet Nahum’s prediction that God would completely destroy the city ([Nahum 1](#)).” If you want more information, you can look up the details of this event in your own studies. What does the real fulfillment of Nahum’s prophecy teach us?
- 3) What else stands out to you from the passages we have looked at from Nahum?

Digging Deeper:

- 1) In our modern society, we often minimize God’s righteous anger and Divine judgment. Why do you think this is so?
- 2) What is the problem with overemphasizing God’s mercy to the exclusion of His justice?
- 3) When Nahum is viewed alongside the book of Jonah, we get a full picture of sin, mercy, patience and judgment. How should this cause us to think about our own lives?
- 4) Ultimately, God is working to bring about the restoration of creation. However, those that refuse to repent and be reconciled will fall under judgment and will not be a part of the new creation. Read the following passage: **Revelation 21:1-8.**
- 5) How are both God’s mercy and justice seen perfectly, together, in Jesus Christ?

Works

Pray for one another.

Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel.