



Bible Study Questions

10th August 2025 – Amos 5:17-27

Discussion Starter

Describe a time when you attended a worship/church service or Christian event that felt powerful—and another that felt lifeless. What made the difference?

There is a difference between “showing up” and “being present”. How would you describe the difference?

Introduction

We can divide Amos into three sections: 1) Chapters 1-2, Message to Israel and the Nations, 2) Chapters 3-6, Message to Israel and its leaders, 3), God’s coming judgement. Our passage comes from the middle section and opens with a reminder to Israel of why God chose them God says, “I chose you Israel, from among all the families of the earth ...” (Amos 3:2). It’s an allusion to Genesis 12, when God called the family of Abraham to become God’s blessing to all nations. God continues the thought by saying, “... this is why I will punish you for all your sin.” Israel had a great calling that came with great responsibility, and so their sin, rebellion and hypocrisy will bring great consequences. If you want a good overview of the Book of Amos, the Bible Project has a great video which you can watch on Youtube – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGgWaPGpGz4>

Read Amos 5:18-27

What stands out to you, or what do you notice?

What questions are raised for you?

What challenges you?

Questions

- Amos 5:18 focuses on The Day of the Lord. How might this coming day be both great and terrible?
- Today the “Day of the Lord” is bound up with the return of Jesus, how might Christians today have false expectations about God’s judgment or Christ’s return? What did Jesus say about that day? Read Matthew 23.
- God uses some of the strongest words in the Bible to describe Israel’s worship (Amos 5:21-23). Why would God react this way? How should Amos 5:21-23 inform and impact our attitude to worship?
- Worship of God, and a relationship with Jesus should change us, resulting in a life lived for God’s purposes not our own. According to Amos 5:24 and Matthew 25, what should authentic worship result in? Where do you see this happening today in the world, our church and your life?

Application

God desires authentic worship, what does that look like for you, and what steps can you take to being more authentic in our worship and walk with Jesus? Psalm 139:23-24 might be helpful here.