

Series Sermon-based Growth Group
Zephaniah 2:1-3
Questions
October 4, 2021

Introductory Discussion:

What insight from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. Zephaniah 2:2-3 uses the word "before" 3 times and says "seek the Lord." This emphasizes the importance of Now. Why is it so important to "seek the Lord" now?
 - a. What happens to you if you don't?
 - b. What happens to the people around you if you don't?

2. John 17:3 says, "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." If you already know God, what does it mean to "seek the Lord"?
 - a. What do each of these verses tell us about what it means to seek the Lord:
 - i. Psalms 105:4 says, "Seek the Lord and His strength;/Seek His face continually."
 - ii. Colossians 3:1-2 says, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."
 - iii. Matthew 22:37 says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

3. If seeking God means getting more of God in your life, how can we do that?
 - a. Philippians 3:8-10 says, "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and

may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death..." What can we learn from this about reprioritizing our lives around Jesus?

4. Why is community so important to Christian growth?

5. Matthew 16:25 says, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it." What does that tell us about how we can gain more of Jesus?
 - a. What happens to our lives when we do?

 - b. In what way?

6. James 2:17 says, "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." As we grow closer to God, how do we expect that to affect the person we become?

7. How does a person's life reflect what they believe?