

**Series Sermon-based Growth Group**  
**Zephaniah 3:14-20**  
**Questions**  
**October 31, 2021**

**Introductory Discussion:**

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

**Discussion:**

1. According to verse 14, why should we rejoice?
  - a. Is it something God does, or we do?
  - b. Zephaniah says this as a prophecy, a future thing, but when should we rejoice?
  - c. How can we rejoice despite present circumstances?
  - d. How does it change how we deal with present circumstances?
  
2. Why is it important that God is in our midst?
  - a. How does that help us?
  
3. What does it mean to know that God loudly rejoices over you?
  
4. At the same time he is quiet in his love (verse 17). What does it mean to be "quiet in his love"?
  
5. In verses 18 and 19, whom does he gather?
  - a. In what ways is that us?
  
6. How does this restoration lead to their fame?
  - a. Consider Matthew 23:12, "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." How does that relate to the idea of fame?
  
  - b. Read Judges 7:9-15 (edited):

That night the Lord said to him, "But if you are afraid to attack the camp, go down with Purah, your servant. Listen to what they say, and then you will be encouraged to attack the camp." So he went down with Purah, his servant, to the outpost of the troops who were in the camp...When Gideon arrived, there was a man telling his friend, "Listen, I had a dream: a loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp, struck a tent, and it fell. The loaf turned the tent upside down so that it collapsed." His friend answered, "This

is nothing less than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has handed the entire Midianite camp over to him.” When Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship.

What does God do to make Gideon famous and how does he do this in our lives.

7. What is biblical Hope? How can that change the way we live today?