

May 19, 2024

## The Lion Roars (Amos)

## Return to Me (God's Heart for his People)

Scripture: Amos 3-4

**Big Idea:** God is relentless in the pursuit of his people and desires that they would repent and return to Him.

**The Challenge:** To surrender, to humble ourselves and return to the One who wants nothing more than to remind us of how beloved we are.

## **Pastoral Prayer for this Message:**

Father,

Thank you for your great love for us. Thank you for never giving up on us and never stopping your pursuit of us. Would you show us the ways and the areas where we have strayed from you, either through intention or through complacency, through being deceived by the momentary pleasures of the world or through the motives of our own rebellious hearts. Thank you that your kindness leads us to repentance. We turn to you. We return to you. Be merciful to us we pray, and may we extend that mercy to those around us.

Amen.

## **Questions for Discussion:**

- 1. How has God used and/or redeemed pain in the past as a means of returning to Him?
- 2. Amos 1-4 are very heavy texts, largely directed against the people of Israel. In what ways do you see the messages to Israel in those days apply to the people of God (the Church, or perhaps more specifically, KAC) today?
- 3. Take a few minutes of silence. Ask God to show you in your current season how He is trying to get your attention. Share with your group.