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The Roaring Lion: Seek the Lord and Live

Scripture: Amos 5:1-17

Challenge: “No matter how dark your path, or deep you sin, or malignant your complacency, you are one decision away from life!

Anu George Canjanathoppil (the CEO of the International Justice Mission of Canada) states, “There are 50 million people that are trapped in human slavery, exposed to violence, injustice, and dehumanizing conditions. We must be haunted by the silence, and indifference. Indifference in the presence of injustice is damning.”

If the things that break the heart of God, no longer break our hearts than our heart is broken!

“Perhaps while we are busy celebrating our successes, God is in heaven grieving our funeral.”

Study Questions

A HARSH INDICTMENT

- 1) Amos calls Israel into account for making justice bitter? In what ways can God’s people be guilty of doing the same thing? What is your response to injustice when it is done to you?
- 2) Amos accuses Israel of “hating truth” and rejecting those who stand up for what is right. What is your response when you hear reproof from God’s word or a fellow believer or your spouse?
- 3) When God says to Amos that he will not be “passing over” Israel but “passing through” Israel what is the warning for our lives, our church, and our country?

A HOPEFUL INVITATION

- 1) Pastor Craig Trierweiler states that, “Seeking God means, To have no greater goal, to have no deeper desire, to have no higher aim, than to love Jesus and do his will.” What does that look like for you?
- 2) God wants a relationship not religion. He wants you to follow a person not attend a place. He wants that vibrant spiritual relationship...focused tenacity. How can you ensure that you are not falling into performance or imaged-based religion?
- 3) Amos describes what it is like to walk in obedience...hate evil...love good...uphold justice. Where is God calling you to be a voice for the voiceless? What is a next practical step you can take in upholding justice.

Prayer: Lord, wake us up. Help us to recognize the ways in which sin and complacency has cause us to grieve you and to miss reflecting your light and hope to our world. May the things that break your heart,

break ours. Empower us by your Spirit to hated evil, love good and uphold just. Lord, we choose to seek you and live! Amen

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