

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING TO KNOW ME

Have you ever had the experience of condemning someone for the way they act, only to discover later that you have been guilty of the same or worse? How did you respond once this was revealed to you?

INTO THE BIBLE

As we studied the book of Amos last Sunday, what 3 key principles did we call attention to in the message?

According to James 2:1-8. What does this passage teach us regarding the relationship between our religion and how we treat people around us?

What condition was the nation of Israel with regard to foreign affairs and internal economy at the time when Amos gave his prophecy of condemnation and destruction?

Read Amos 4:4-5; 4:1-2 and describe the nations overall practice of religion.

How does that relate to our present situation?

How do New Hope Core Values #4 & 8 speak to lessons from Amos?

We learned that despite the people's free will choice to sin, and the very real consequences thereof, God's plan for mankind's redemption was not thwarted. Discuss the intersection of mankind's free will and God's sovereignty.

APPLICATION

What actions, or attitudes could we change in our lives that would enable us to have better relationships with people for the sake of the gospel?

Take some time this week to privately reflect on ways in which your religious practice may be inconsistent with what God requires and commit to change.