

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

GETTING TO KNOW ME

In your experience, how does the existence of evil and injustice impact people's view of God?

Have there ever been circumstances in your life that have caused you to question God's character, or power, or even His existence?

If so, what did you ultimately conclude about those situations?

INTO THE BIBLE

Read Obadiah together with your HOPE Group.

What was particularly heinous about Edom's actions as compared with other nations that perpetrated evil?

According to Obadiah 1:3-4, what was the root cause of Edom's sin?

What does Obadiah 1:15 mean by the term "The day of the Lord" and what are the broader implications of that term?

After hearing about God's justice, toward the end of Obadiah, we hear a message of God's ultimate mercy and grace. How do these two concepts meet?

We often consider the evil of others but seldom consider ourselves evil. What does Romans 3:23 teach us about our culpability before God?

According to Isaiah 30:18, why does God extend grace and mercy to us?

Why did God deal with Edom in a special way & what's the implication for us?

APPLICATION

As we consider the depravity of society and injustice in our world, what comfort can we take away from the themes of Obadiah?