

Sunday, February 13, 2022 - "Ancient Prophets - Week 5 - Nahum. Time's Up" - Kevin Dupree

Key Passages: Nahum 1:2, 2:13, 3:3, Proverbs 14:12, Nahum 1:15

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Time's Up
 - God says this to the Assyrian people
 - Nahum - God telling these people that he is against them...an aggressive and angry tone (Nahum 1:2, 2:13, 3:3)
- Ninevah = ancient capital of Assyria
 - 760 BC - Book of Jonah → opportunity for God's grace, repentance
 - 742 BC - Isaiah says Assyria will be used to correct the people of Israel (Isaiah 10:5)
 - 732-724 BC - Israel taken captive (the northern kingdom but not the whole southern kingdom)
 - 640-615 BC - Time period of Nahum
 - 612 BC - Fall of Ninevah (150 years between when they repented and when they fell)
- God has a full character
 - Slow to anger, abounding in loving kindness
 - He is also a God of wrath
- We can't become too comfortable in our Christianity
 - We get extra
 - Assyria was ruthless and reckless
 - But it came at a cost
 - We receive God's favor but then add/do our own thing (Proverbs 14:12)
- The motive behind God's wrath is his heart of compassion (Nahum = comfort)
- He is a just God: his wrath and his compassion go together
- God is a Father who comforts
 - Nahum 1:15
 - He is looking to comfort us (Comfort = to ease the grief or distress of, to console)
 - We sometimes try to comfort and console ourselves
- What are you needing comfort for?
- Jonah warned Ninevah and Jesus warns us...wrath or reward when Jesus returns

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is your understanding of God's wrath? How does it affect the way you think about Him?
2. When was a time you got too comfortable in your walk with the Lord? What did you learn?
3. When was a time that you experienced the comfort of the Father?
4. How have you tried to comfort or console yourself in the past? How did God lead you in this time?
5. What do you need comfort for today? What does it look like to pursue God's comfort?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Proverbs 31 Tues: Galatians 1 Wed: Galatians 2 Thurs: Galatians 3 Fri: Galatians 4

Songs from the weekend: [The Way - Pat Barrett] - [Surrounded - Upperroom] - [I Will Exalt You - Hillsong Worship] - [Praises (Be Lifted Up - Josh Baldwin]