

“Hear the Word of the Lord” – Lessons from Exile

Blue Mtn Church – May 16th, 2021

Amos 7:10-16

1. Discuss your experience with reading through the Old Testament in the past. Can you relate to the experience Pastor Brad laid out?
2. What is the most challenging section of the Old Testament for you to read?
3. What is typically your approach to the prophetic material? Are you someone who relates and interacts well with all the poetry and oracles, or is it a section you generally skim?
4. The first tenet of our threefold purpose throughout this series is to learn from the prophets for today. What are your feelings on this? Do you believe we can learn much from ancient prophets for our moment today? Do you believe their specific prophecies have anything to say for today? Why or why not?
5. Have you typically read the prophets as messengers of doom or messengers of grace? Why do you think that is?
6. Do you think it was fair or loving for God to send His people into exile? Discuss why or why not.

Read Amos 7:10-16a

7. Thinking of what you heard in the sermon, why do you think it was important for Amos to specify that he was not a prophet vocationally and did not come from a line of prophets?
8. Put yourself in Amos’ shoes at the moment of God’s prophetic call on his life. How do you think you would feel and respond to the call to bring these messages to your people?
9. Given your experiences with sharing your own faith, what does the boldness of a prophet like Amos teach you?

Read John 15:18-21

10. Look at the contrast painted in verse 19. Where on that leger do you feel like your relationship to the world generally sits? Why do you think it does one way or the other?
11. We are obviously not called to go looking for a fight or to drum up persecution and hatred intentionally. What are genuinely Christ-like things that you feel draw this kind of response from our culture today?

Enjoy, friends :)