

This Week's Text: Amos 4:1-13 – Yahweh: The Patient God

Next Week's Text: Amos 5:1-17

- I. **Perverted Roles (4:1)**
 - a. They Cared Only for Themselves (1a)
 - b. They Crushed the Needy (1b)
 - c. They Commanded Their Husbands (1c)
 - d. They Corrupted Their Husbands (1d)
- II. **Polluted Religion (4:4-5)**
 - a. They Worshipped Culturally (4a)
 - b. They Worshipped Extensively (4b)
 - c. They Worshipped Proudly (5a)
 - d. They Worshipped Selfishly (5b)
- III. **Progressive Rejection (4:6-11)**
 - a. Empty Plates Brought No Repentance (6)
 - b. Empty Fields Brought No Repentance (7-8)
 - c. Empty Savings Brought No Repentance (9)
 - d. Empty Camps Brought No Repentance (10)
 - e. Empty Cities Brought No Repentance (11)
- IV. **Therefore, Prepare for the Reunion (4:2-3, 12-13)**
 - a. Prepare to Meet the Holy God (12, 2a)
 - b. Prepare to Meet the Creator God (13a)
 - c. Prepare to Meet the Powerful God (13b, 2b-3)
 - d. Prepare to Meet the Faithful God (13c)

Corporate Reading Guide:

Read through the book of Amos this week. As you read, look for examples of God's patiently calling Israel to return to Himself.

Discussion Questions:

1. What impacted you and/or what did you learn from our study of Amos this week?
2. What impacted you and/or what did you learn about the Gospel? What did you learn about **God's** character, **Man's** sinfulness and need, **Christ's** atonement and how He meets our need, or God's call on us to **Respond**?
3. Read Amos 4:1. How has God been growing you in your God-given roles in society or family?
4. Read Amos 4:4-5. Which area of polluted worship are you most often tempted to fall into, and why?
5. Read Amos 4:6-11. How was God's grace and patience displayed in His discipline?
 - How can this help us as parents to discipline our children, and as church members to confront and challenge one another?
6. Read Amos 4:12-13. How is Amos's statement "Prepare to meet your God" both a threat of coming judgment and a promise of coming salvation?
 - What New Testament passages does this phrase remind you of?
7. What is one way you can practically this text has called you to strive to be better prepared to meet your God?