



*Bible*  
BOOK CLUB

April 2021 - Amos

**OPENING PRAYER**

*God of words and wisdom, you often use the songs of poets to penetrate in ways we would otherwise not notice. Help us to comprehend their songs, taking heed of their warnings. Sing to us the needs of your creation, until our activities allow the mountains to drip sweet wine, and all the hills flow with it. Amen.*

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS

- The earliest prophetic writings express a certain understanding of land and its proper use. Are you able to identify the basic elements of the writer's understanding? Does it differ from yours?
- Amos is speaking out in response to a growing threat. Does the situation being identified resemble our own? Is Amos' message instructive for us?
- Amos is pretty direct and adamant that if the people keep with their social injustice and arrogance that God will punish them with military disaster. Noting that Amos' prophesy was fulfilled with the fall of Israel some 40 years later, is this how God operates?
- Amos appeals to long held traditions and beliefs. What are they? Do they differ from the traditions and beliefs we still hold today?
- In Amos 5:21 we read, "I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies." What does this verse say about our worship services? Why?
- Amos 5:24 reads, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." This verse was often quoted by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others in speeches about problems such as racism. What does this verse mean to you?
- Who are they modern day prophets that are speaking the same message as Amos?

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*God of the prophets, Continue to speak to us. Just like Amos had a message from you for their generation, give us words to speak to ours. Then have us keep speaking your word until righteousness flows as a mighty stream. Amen.*

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