

## Discipleship Group Weekly Resources

### Week 9

#### Passage: Amos 9

#### Big Thought:

Here we are in the final week of Amos. We have looked at Amos through individual chapters. Let's look at chapter 9 as part of the overarching message in Amos.

The final chapter of Amos ends in a series of visions Amos experienced, which are symbolic depictions of the coming day of the Lord. (see this video link done by Bible Project on the meaning of the day of the Lord) <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/day-of-the-lord/>

Throughout Amos and actually the whole of the Old Testament, we must contend with the tension of God's justice and mercy. God must confront and judge evil all in the context of his ultimate purpose which is the restoration of all humanity and create a new family.

Through Amos' words, we can learn from Israel's hypocrisy and the consequences of their moral failures/sin. We see the call to embrace true worship of God that should always lead to justice, righteousness (right relationship), and loving our neighbor.

#### 4 Questions:

1. What visions does Amos see and what does he say they are communicating about God?
2. Look at the final paragraph of chapter 9. Why do you think this paragraph is really important?
3. Now that you have spent 9 weeks in Amos, what do you think Amos is saying about God?
4. Is this message from Amos connected or disconnected from the total message of the Bible? Discuss your reasons on how it is or isn't.