



[Read Zephaniah 1:2-13](#)

*What sort of questions does this passage – or Zephaniah as a whole – raise for you?  
What's difficult to understand?*

In 1:17 Zephaniah says that Judah will face destruction because of their sin –

*How does chapter 1 describe the peoples' sin?*

1:2-3 describes God's response to their sin as an undoing of creation –

*What do you think of His response? Is it justified? Why or why not?*

[Read Zephaniah 2:1-3](#)

Three times Zephaniah tells the people to 'seek' (2:3) –

*What is it that he wants them to seek? Discuss what that might look like for Judah.*

*If you were to take Zephaniah's advice on board today, what would that look like for you?*

*How would you define humility? How can we encourage one another to grow in humility?*

## Read Zephaniah 3:9-20

When you hit the New Testament, everything that Zephaniah was looking forward to ‘on the day of Lord’ begins by Jesus stepping on the scene. We’re not *living* in those last days. Which means, that what Zephaniah 3 points to is actually true for you, today –

*When is it really hard for you to believe the truths of 3:17?*

*Do you think that sometimes we Christians lack the excitement, joy, or gladness in our faith (cf. 3:14-15; 19-20)? What does rejoicing look like for you?*

In the Old Testament, God often gets a bad rep. And that’s understandable – some of the things he says are downright terrifying –

*How would you talk to your friend who struggles to believe in a God who gets angry, judges people, and threatens to destroy them?*

*What struggles does this book raise for you when it comes to your relationship with God?*

## Prayer

*Spend some time discussing and praying about the challenges we face when it comes to prayer (i.e. feeling too ashamed, like God is too far away to pray, etc). Pray that God would help us to humble ourselves. Pray for your non-Christian friends that God would continue to work in their lives and that they might see Him as one who is mighty to save.*

