

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Obadiah 19-21 | The Hope of Joy

MAIN IDEA:

God shakes things up to reveal the hope of joy.

Sermon Outline:

1. God changes things to bring conformity to his plan (v19)
2. God redeems people to restore justice to the land (v20)
3. God speaks prophecy to foreshadow salvation to the world (v21)

Pre-Questions

Think about a time when a major change in your life brought unexpected hope or joy. How did that experience shape your perspective on trusting God's plan?

This ties to the theme of God shaking things up to bring hope and joy.

When you hear the word 'restoration,' what comes to mind? Why is restoration such an important theme in both the Bible and our personal lives?

QUESTIONS

1. In verse 19, territories are reassigned according to God's plan. How does this demonstrate that God's purposes prevail even in the midst of upheaval?
A. Reflect on Isaiah 55:8-9, where God says His ways are higher than ours. How does this truth help us trust Him when life feels uncertain or shaken?
2. Verse 20 highlights the return of exiles to their rightful places. How does God's work of redeeming people show His commitment to justice?
A. Read Amos 5:24, which calls for justice to "roll on like a river." What practical steps can we take as followers of Christ to partner with God in restoring justice in our communities?
3. In verse 21, God's plan extends beyond Israel to include salvation for all nations. How does this point to the ultimate hope we have in Jesus?
A. Reflect on Revelation 7:9-10, which describes people from every nation worshiping God. How does this promise shape our understanding of God's global mission and our role in it?
4. How can you respond with faith and hope when God allows changes in your life to conform you to His plan?
5. In what ways can you actively participate in God's redemptive work in bringing justice and salvation to those around you?