

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Obadiah 1:10-18 | The Warning of Justice

MAIN IDEA:

God's justice is found in His judgement.

Sermon Outline:

1. God judges sin of omission (vv10-11)
2. God judges sin of commission (vv12-14)
3. God judges sin to bring justice (vv15-16)
4. God judges sin to bring restoration (vv17-18)

Pre-Questions

1. When you think about the concept of justice, what comes to mind? How does our culture's view of justice compare with what you understand about God's justice?
2. Have you ever witnessed a situation where someone stood by and did nothing in the face of wrongdoing? How did that make you feel, and what do you think was lost by their inaction?

QUESTIONS

1. In verses 10-11, Edom is condemned for standing by and doing nothing while Jerusalem was attacked. How does this concept of "sin by omission" challenge our understanding of responsibility toward others?
2. Reflect on James 4:17, which states, "If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them." How can this verse encourage us to be more proactive in our relationships and communities?
3. In verses 12-14, Edom actively participated in Israel's suffering. How does this show the destructive impact of actions taken against others, even if indirectly?
4. Consider Proverbs 24:17-18, which warns against rejoicing in someone else's downfall. How can we guard our hearts against this attitude, especially in a culture that sometimes celebrates others' misfortune?
5. Verses 17-18 describe a future where Israel is restored. How does this promise of restoration after judgment reflect God's ultimate purpose for redemption?
6. Read 1 Peter 5:10, which says that after we have suffered, God will "restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish" us. How does God's promise of restoration encourage you in your faith journey, especially during times of hardship?