

02-09-25 Facilitator “Obadiah: Vengeance is the LORD’s”

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD for His Covenant faithfulness and goodness. Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that by His steadfast love, He is true to us even in the midst of our failures.
2. How have you lived condescendingly and proudly over those around you who’ve failed? Confess your pride and hard-heartedness to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and soften your heart to love as He does.
3. Give thanks to Jesus that by the Cross He satisfied justice in such a way as to count us punished yet spare us from hell. Thank Him for raising us to new life, transforming us from enemies to be His true friends.
4. Who do you know that is self-righteous and hard toward those who are weak, low, or broken? Pray for them, asking the Lord to humble them so that they would see what their sin deserves and genuinely turn to Christ.
5. Read Romans 12:14-21. Ask the Holy Spirit to work into you such fullness as to drive out any discontentment or envy. *Pray for such humility – at your own forgiveness in Christ – that you are merciful to others who fail.*

General Discussion Questions:

- What encouraged you from worship this morning? (Think through the WHOLE service)
- What illustrations or points resonated with you in your personal circumstances?
- What do you love more about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit today?

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions: Obadiah 1:3-4, 12-18, 21

A. Covenant Love, Holy Authority

- What is your most vivid experience with vengeance?
- What is the LORD’s relationship with His people and judgement against evil-doers?
- Think of taunting in sports! What makes that such an ironically stupid thing to do? How should we view someone being judged, or defeated?

B. Envy & Hatred

- What is the opposite of covenant love and a full heart?
- Vengeance is a powerful theme in America, so how well do you understand the way it works? And how does the current culture only exacerbate your self-righteous indignation?

C. The Miracle of Mercy

- How is it possible for God to both destroy and save His enemies? (Think of Lincoln quote)
- Where are you bitter and with whom? Who do you churn over with the hope of vengeance? Reflect on the ways the cross of Christ refines that evil inside of us and turns it to good.