

Life Group Questions (Amos 3)

- 1. Read Amos 3 together. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind as you read it?
- 2. Has there been a time in your life when you've been self-deceived about something? What was it? How did you 'snap out of it'?
- 3. In what ways in chapter 3, was Amos attempting to wake the people of Israel up to their condition? What arguments does he give that judgment is coming?
- 4. In the sermon, Pastor Andrew gave 6 reasons people can be self deceived:
 - We don't know what the gospel is.
 - We have a false sense of assurance.
 - We have a failure of self-examination.
 - We have a fixation on religious activity.
 - We have a fair exchange approach.
 - We are familiar with biblical morality.

Which one of these do you think is the most prevalent in the North American church? Are there some that you struggle with?

- 5. Have you ever thought of Jesus as your treasure? Read Matthew 13:44-46 and Philippians 3:4-11. Do you view everything in your life as a loss compared to knowing Jesus? How do you think a person gets to that point?
- 6. What do you do when you sin? Is your practice to run to Jesus or away from him? Why is that a good indicator of where you are at spiritually?
- 7. Is your life marked by repentance? As God points out sin and disobedience in your life are you quick to confess, repent and turn to God? Why or why not?

Spend some time in prayer together. Examine your hearts. Confess sin and repent if need be. Ask God to expose any areas of self-deception in your life.