



### **Life Group Questions (Amos 5)**

1. Read Amos 5 together. What stands out to you from this passage? What questions come to mind? Is there anything unclear?
2. Verse 1 tells us that this is a lament over Israel's death. Look up similar laments in Matthew 23:37-39 and Luke 19:41-44. Why is it important to remember that God takes pleasure in punishing people? Do most people you know think that he does? Why or why not?
3. The first reason God is judging them is lack of justice and righteousness. Now culturally, Canada is much different than ancient Israel (we don't decide cases of justice in the gate houses). But what are areas of injustice in our society? Are there ways we lack justice and righteousness?
4. The second reason God is judging them is their syncretistic and fake worship. Why do you think God is so upset about this? Shouldn't God just be happy they were worshipping him at all? What does this reveal about the heart of God?
5. Pastor Andrew challenged us on Sunday regarding 2 things. First, are you worshipping God while your heart is far from him? Are you someone who can go through the motions of worship while your heart is full of sin? Are there things you need to deal with in your heart so your worship isn't just "noise" to God?
6. Secondly, is your heart in the right place, and yet you are worshipping God in a way that scripture forbids? Do you think "how" we worship God actually matters?

*Take some time to share and confess things going on in your heart and mind. If you feel comfortable confess ways you have lacked justice and righteousness. Confess ways that your worship has been syncretistic or fake. Thank God for his gift of the gospel that covers our sin and cleanses us.*