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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Nahum

Main Idea

Nahum is a powerful reminder that God is not indifferent to injustice. In a world where evil can seem unchecked and wrongdoing goes unanswered, Nahum reveals a God who sees it all and responds with both patience and power. He is slow to anger, but He is also just—He will not leave the guilty unpunished. For the people of Judah, this message brought hope: their suffering was not ignored, and their oppressors would not prevail forever.

At the same time, Nahum invites us to reflect on our understanding of God's goodness. His justice is not separate from His character—it flows from it. God is both a refuge for those who trust Him and a righteous judge over all evil. As we begin our discussion, let's consider what it means to trust in God's timing, rest in His justice, and pursue holiness in our own lives.

**The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in Him.**

NAHUM 1:7

Make it Practical:

God has great power and is in control, even when evil seems to prevail.

- Nahum 1:3

God will bring justice and hold the wicked accountable in His timing.

- Nahum 1:2-3, 3:5

God blesses and restores those who remain faithful to Him.

- Nahum 1:7, 2:2

Talk About It

Why do you think it can be difficult to trust God's justice when we don't see immediate results?

How does understanding that God is "slow to anger" change the way you view His judgment?

In what ways can we choose faithfulness to God, even when life feels unfair or uncertain?

What does it look like to measure your life by closeness to God rather than outward prosperity?

**God's justice may not always be immediate,
but it is always certain.**

Prayer

God, thank You that You are just, powerful, and good. When we don't understand what's happening around us, help us to trust Your timing and Your ways. Teach us to rest in Your justice and to remain faithful in every season. Draw us closer to You and shape our hearts to reflect Your holiness. In Jesus' name, amen.

Next Steps

Read through the book of Nahum and journal how it shapes your understanding of God's justice and goodness.

Shift your focus from circumstances to closeness with God by setting aside intentional daily time with Him.

Ask God to reveal any areas of compromise and commit to walking in obedience and faithfulness.