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THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Zephaniah

Main Idea

Zephaniah is a powerful reminder that God's heart is not only full of love, but also holiness and justice. Throughout this book, we see God confronting sin, idolatry, and spiritual apathy among His people. His warnings are strong, not because He desires destruction, but because He longs for restoration. Like a loving Father, He calls His people back again and again, urging them to return before it's too late.

This week's message reminded us that God's correction is an invitation, not a rejection. Our response matters. When we drift—even slightly—we can end up far from where God desires us to be. But His call is clear: seek Him, pursue righteousness, and walk in humility. As we begin our discussion, let's open our hearts to God's loving correction and respond with a renewed desire to draw near to Him.

Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land... Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger.

ZEPHANIAH 2:3

Make it Practical:

God lovingly warns and corrects His people to bring them back.

- Zephaniah 1:1–9; 3:7

Small compromises can lead us far from where God wants us to be.

- Zephaniah 3:1–2

Our response matters—seek God with humility and righteousness.

- Zephaniah 2:3

Talk About It

Why do you think God repeats His warnings and calls His people back multiple times?

How can spiritual drift happen subtly in our lives? What are some warning signs?

Where might you be “a few degrees off” in your walk with God right now?

What does it practically look like for you to seek God with humility this week?

God’s correction is not rejection. It is an invitation to return to relationship with Him.

Prayer

Father, we thank You for Your patience and mercy. Even when we fall short, You continue to call us back. Help us to respond to Your voice with humility and obedience. Realign our hearts with Yours and lead us into deeper relationship with You. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Next Steps

Ask God to reveal any areas where you are not trusting or drawing near to Him.

Practice humility by surrendering control in one specific area of your life.

Reach out to a trusted friend or group member for accountability in your spiritual growth.