

Supplemental Questions for The Twelve

ZEPHANIAH

Up From The Ashes (Introduction)

- Sometimes God has to bring about the good He desires for us by first breaking down the systems and barriers we put up in attempts to self-preserve and be our own gods. Do you remember a time in your life or in history when what had come before had to be dismantled in order to lay a new foundation for the good work of God's blessing in that situation?

Lesser Gods (Zephaniah 1:2; 2 Chronicles 33:10 ; Zephaniah 3:1-2)

- How have you seen the idea that God's presence in modern culture doesn't make a difference one way or the other?
- Where have you seen growing complacency, inaction, and unwillingness to address unhealthy actions in the church today? In our country? In family relationships?

What Do You Really Believe? (Zephaniah 1:2-9, 3:1-10)

- If belief determines behavior, then behavior reveals belief. What might our behaviors in the church reveal about what we believe? Does our belief in the finished work of Jesus change how we behave?
- What does the behavior of society today reveal about general beliefs that may be commonly held?

Silence Is Golden. (Zephaniah 1:7, 14-16; Habakkuk 2:20; Revelation 8:1)

- Do you remember a time in your life when you simply couldn't find the words to express the feelings you had? What was that time like?
- Sometimes words fail us in expressing thankfulness to God, especially when we feel His Spirit so near us in times of need and loneliness. Are you uncomfortable with silence in your times

of prayer to God? Have you taken time just to be with God in moments of prayer without having to speak?

God Isn't Going Anywhere. (Zephaniah 2:3, 3:1-5)

- We can't run God out, whether in public schools or by evil men in Afghanistan. God will never stop reaching out to us to come to Him through Christ our Redeemer no matter what the world may try to do to stop Him. If God needs to shake things up, He will. Are you thankful that God isn't pushed around by the wickedness of man? How does that fact affect the way you live and act in regular life?

Loud Singing, Quiet Love (Zephaniah 3:7-8; 12-13, 15-19)

- Take a moment to think about how far God has brought you in following Him through faith in Christ. Thank Him for His good work in you!

