



Project

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Message Notes

Zephaniah's prophecy was challenging but not hopeless.

All prophecy speaks into the human condition from God's LOVE PERSPECTIVE.

The purpose of prophecy today is to build strength, encourage, and provide comfort followers of Jesus.

3 Competing Voices: 1. SELF 2. ENEMY 3. GOD

PRACTICE

1. Listen
2. Hear

SCRIPTURE

Zephaniah 2; 1 Corinthians 14; Proverbs 3:5-7; Romans 12:2; Philippians 1:9-10

Discussion Guide

ENGAGE

1. Share about a time where one experience prepared you for another? (i.e. training, one life event made you ready for another, the investment of a mentor)
2. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-4. What does this passage say is our highest goal? (v.1) How does this goal inform our understanding of the gifts of "tongues" and "prophecy?"
3. What is the primary purpose of prophecy? (v.3-4)
4. Share about an experience where someone's "words" to you had a significant impact on your life.

APPLY

1. Take time to intentionally listen to God. As you listen Filter what you hear through these questions:
 - Is it loving?
 - Does it build strength?
 - Is it encouraging?
 - Does it provide comfort?

Listen expectantly for God to speak (2-5 minutes) and document everything that you experienced placing what you hear into 1 of 4 categories: 1. Love, 2. Strength, 3. Encouragement, 4. Comfort

PRAY