

Together on the Journey

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Zephaniah Seek
Zephaniah 2:1-7
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1. _____ Together (2:1-2)

- Gathering is part of being a covenant community
- Part of discipleship happens in the household of God
- The church gathered is a place where God meets his people.

2. _____ the Lord (2:3)

- Jonah 3
- Philippians 3:8-9

3. _____ the World (2:4-11)

1. Read Zephaniah 2:1-3. God has been describing the Day of the Lord in gruesome detail. Now, he turns to address the people of Judah. He gives a new command: "Gather together." According to these verses, why is God gathering His people together?

2. God address His peoOple as a "shameful nation." Why might God address His own people as shameful? See 2 Chronicles 29:16-17.

3. Repentance must come before the decree takes effect, before the day of the anger of the Lord comes upon the people. Describe a time when repentance changed a disaster decree from the Lord? See Jonah 3.

4. God now gets to the point: "Seek the Lord." Remembering that Hebrew poetry often uses parallel statements, what does the rest of v. 3 tell you that "Seek the Lord" means?

5. Now, God, through Zephaniah, tells Judah to "seek righteousness." How/where should we seek righteousness today? How can we obtain righteousness? See Philippians 3:8-9.

6. Read Zephaniah 2:4-7. Zephaniah pronounces God's judgment on five nations. The first is Philistia. What do you know about the Philistines? See Judges 16:23-31 and 1 Samuel 17.

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