GROWING IN FAITH

Amos

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

- Amos 5:21-24

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GOING DEEPER

In the video, Josh mentioned that Amos was from the Southern Kingdom of Judah and was preaching to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. His formula was leading to the seventh nation being the worst condemnation.
How do you think the people of Israel reacted to what Amos had to say? Were they surprised? Convicted? Defensive? How do you respond when someone challenges you for something you have done wrong? How can you help hold others accountable when they have done something wrong in a way that doesn't push them away?

Josh defined righteousness as "doing the right thing at the right time at the right place for the right reasons".
By this definition, in what ways are we as a nation righteous? In what ways are we falling short of righteousness? How are we as individuals righteous? In what ways are we falling short of righteousness?

Amos convicts the Kingdom of Israel of corporate sin because they were not taking care of the poor, widows, and orphans. Even those who were not directly involved with the injustice were still guilty because they weren't doing anything to stop it.
Are there corporate sins in our world today that we are guilty of?
What can we do to stop these corporate sins?

Read Amos 7:7-9. A plumb line was used in construction to make sure a wall was being built straight up and down and on a good foundation.
What do we use as the plumb line in our lives as Christians? How does this plumb line keep us on the right path?

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Note to leaders – encourage your class members to read Isaiah Jude in preparation for next week's class and discussion.