



# Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 08/25/2019  
DISCUSSION DATE: 09/01/2019  
TEXT: ZEPHANIAH

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## I. FLEE, FOLLOW, REJOICE

### *A. Flee Sin before it is too late.*

➤ Zephaniah 1:2, 17-18

1. The day of God's wrath against the wicked is drawing near, v. 3.
2. The day of God's wrath against the religious but lost is drawing near, v.v. 4-6.
3. The day of God's wrath against the religiously complacent is drawing near, v.v. 12.

### *B. Follow the Lord while grace abounds.*

4. An invitation to repent, Ch. 2:1-3.
5. The need for repentance, Ch. 3:1-5.
6. The danger of not repenting (unbelief will be destroyed), Ch. 3:6-7.

### *C. Rejoice in the Lord as you trust His promises.*

7. A purified people TRUST the Lord, Ch. 3:9-12.
8. A purified people rejoice in the presence of the Lord, Ch. 3:14-17.

## ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. Read **2 Chronicles 35:20-25; James 4:13-17**. What unusual means did God use to warn Josiah? Why do you think Josiah failed to heed the warning? How could he have sought to understand God's will in this matter?
2. Read **James 4:13-17**. Connect Josiah's failure to this warning. What does God want us to guard our heart against?
3. Read **Zephaniah 1:2, 17-18**. Why does God say he is going to bring this judgment? Who will experience this judgment? What resource does God say will be of no use in the day of His judgment? Why are we tempted to trust this resource?
4. Read **Zephaniah 1:3, 4-6, 12**. How do you define the wicked? What does it mean for a person to be religious but lost? How has American culture invaded so much of professing Christianity? What culturally acceptable sins are being embraced by professing Christianity? What does it mean to be spiritually complacent? Why is this so dangerous, and how do we guard our hearts from this sin?
5. Read **Zephaniah 2:1-3**. Why does God want His people to gather in His presence before the day of His judgment comes? When God exposes our sin, what kind of response honors Him? How do we seek righteousness and humility? What does it look like? What does it mean to seek the Lord?
6. Read **Zephaniah 3:1-7**. What is being contrasted in this text? What is the right standard of righteousness? What do we naturally compare our lives against? How can that be deceptive? How does this declaration: "He (YAHWEH) never fails" serve as both a warning and an encouragement? Why do we struggle to believe that God's judgment against others may apply to us?
7. Read **Zephaniah 3:9-12**. When hearts are purified in salvation, what do purified people do? What does God remove from the lives of His children? What is the best definition of meekness? What does it look like for us to be meek and humbled?
8. Read **Zephaniah 3:14-17**. What will cause Israel to "be glad and rejoice with all of their heart"? Where has God promised to meet with us? How should this impact our approach to corporate worship? In what does God take pleasure? What does God rejoice over? How should this impact our daily lives?