

## The Minor Prophets - Introduction

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### Reflection & Discussion Questions

**In the first 5 books of the Bible we get a beautiful picture of a God who chooses His people and wants to speak directly to them**

The people were scared so God approaches them in ways that accommodates them.

\*Where do you see God's accommodations in the first parts of Scripture?

\*How have you seen God adjust his communication to your limited capacity as a human?

**The prophets were the spiritual guides of God's people**

They talk a lot about idol worship and injustice – things still relevant to us in our day and culture.

\*How familiar are you with the Minor Prophets in scripture?

\*Ahead of reading and learning from them in this series, where might teachings about idolatry and injustice be needed for us as His people today?

**Where have the prophets gone?**

Read and discuss Joel 2:28-29(NIV)

<sup>28</sup> "And afterward,

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.*

<sup>29</sup> *Even on my servants, both men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days.*

And Acts 2:2-4 (NIV)

*When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

\*What do these verses say about God? About His people?

\*What are the implications of these verses for us?

**Every person who belongs to God is able to hear from Him and discern what He says**

We have been called to be filled with His spirit and have a message of good news for this world.

\*How can we lean in to this calling in our everyday lives?

\*What do you hope to experience and learn in our study of the Minor Prophets?

\*What questions do you have?

**Visual reflection (Visio Divina)\*** [I Will Pour Out My Spirit](#) by Mark Lawrence

**Song for reflection** [Come Holy Spirit](#) by Vertical Worship