

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)

²⁸ "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.*

²⁹ *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. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ 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