

The 12: Amos - Two
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

When there is competition and struggle, Christianity does great

When there is comfort and power, Christianity flounders and becomes unhealthy.

*Do these statements surprise you? Why or why not?

*How have you seen either of these statements to be true throughout history?

The comfortable and prideful are held uniquely accountable for injustice

Read and discuss Amos 6:1-8(NIV)

6 *Woe to you who are complacent in Zion,
and to you who feel secure on Mount
Samaria,
you notable men of the foremost nation,
to whom the people of Israel come!*

2 *Go to Kalneh and look at it;
go from there to great Hamath,
and then go down to Gath in Philistia.*

*Are they better off than your two kingdoms?
Is their land larger than yours?*

3 *You put off the day of disaster
and bring near a reign of terror.*

4 *You lie on beds adorned with ivory
and lounge on your couches.
You dine on choice lambs
and fattened calves.*

5 *You strum away on your harps like David*

and improvise on musical instruments.

6 *You drink wine by the bowlful
and use the finest lotions,
but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.*

7 *Therefore you will be among the first to go
into exile;*

your feasting and lounging will end.

8 *The Sovereign LORD has sworn by himself—
the LORD God Almighty declares:*

*“I abhor the pride of Jacob
and detest his fortresses;
I will deliver up the city
and everything in it.”*

*What do these verses show us about God? What do they say about people?

*What are they saying about complacency and comfort?

*What are some things that indicate we are pursuing only a comfortable life?

We should be cautious about comfort

Fighting for the beautiful dream of God is hard.

*What does it practically look like to be cautious about comfort?

*When has comfort held you back in some way?

*How has discomfort moved you to grief or to fight for God's dream?

*What grief or discomfort do you sense He is stretching you towards?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina) [The Deep](#) by Jackson Pollack

Song for reflection [Leaving Safe Places](#) by Random Forest