<u>The 12: Nahum</u> Jonathan Cleveland January 2nd, 2022

## **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

## God's anger has nothing to do with human anger

Read and discuss Nahum 1:2-8(NIV)
<sup>2</sup> The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath.
The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.
<sup>3</sup> The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished.
His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet.
<sup>4</sup> He rebukes the sea and dries it up; he makes all the rivers run dry.
Bashan and Carmel wither and the blossoms of Lebanon fade.
<sup>5</sup> The mountains quake before him

and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it. <sup>6</sup> Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him. <sup>7</sup> The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, <sup>8</sup> but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness.

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

\*What conclusions do we come to if we understand God's anger to be like human's anger? \*Where in Scripture or in life have you seen God's anger be different than our own?

## God's love interprets His wrath

Righteous anger is not about God being right, instead it's all about His love.

\*What does it mean for God's anger to be a consequence of His love? \*How do you see anger connected to anguish and grief?

## God takes love and mercy for humans created in His image very seriously

The accountability of God is always connected to the love of God.

\*What questions do the words of God's anger and judgement lead us to ask ourselves in light of their connection to love – His love for us and for others? \*Where is He pointing you to the path of love in this new year?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)	Sangre by Nahum B. Zenil
Song for reflection	Tremble by Lauren Daigle