

Cultures in Conflict

Confidence in the Lord

'For the Day of the Lord draws near on all the nations'

'Day of the Lord' = **NEAR** future actions picture **DISTANT** future actions of God

'all the nations' = Edom & Israel; **ALL** other nations; past, present, and future

Two important truths about God to instill in our young ones

God **WATCHES** over the affairs of humans vs. 15-17

He teaches about His **JUSTICE** vs. 15-16

Bad **CHOICES** will only hurt you the most

DRINKING His justice is part of His curriculum

God always offers **RESTORATION** vs. 17; Psalm 32:1-11

Escape to the safety of **MOUNT ZION**

God will have the **FINAL SAY** in the land of the living vs. 18-21

He lifts up the **HUMBLE** vs. 18

Ultimate **VICTORY** is awarded to the people of God

He swallows up the **PROUD** vs. 19-21

TERRITORIES will be surrendered

He **DELIVERS** His people to permanent safety

Micah 6:8: *'He has told you, o man, what is good; and what the Lord requires of you. But to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God'*

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Life Group Discussion Questions – May 8, 2022

Obadiah 15 *"For the day of the Lord draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head."*

DISCOVER (read Obadiah 15-21)

1. What were some of the biblical principles your mom taught you to live by? What were some of her favorite scriptures? Why do you think she favored them? Have you been successful in the same way with your kids or grandkids?
2. Define the expression, "You reap what you sow." As an example of this expression, we might say, "If you are rude to people, they will be rude to you, too." Is this really true? What happens if you are rude only some times? What happens if they aren't rude back? (see Galatians 6:7-10)

EXPLORE

1. Read Isaiah 2:12, Ezekiel 30:3 and 2 Peter 3:10. What does "...in the day of the Lord" mean? What does this mean in terms of near and far fulfillment? Specifically, what is the connection of these two fulfillments?
2. Read Psalm 32. What must we do that would move God to restoring us to a righteous relationship with Him? Does His justice always include His forgiveness? Explain.
3. Obadiah 17 promises that on Mount Zion there will be refuge from God's wrath. Mount Zion is Jerusalem, the City of David. How can believers from all corners of the earth escape in the day of the Lord? How then can we be spared from the fury of God's wrath?
4. Obadiah 19-21 says that dominions that are under God's enemies' authority are ultimately surrendered and redistributed. Why does God do this?

EXPERIENCE

1. As Christian moms and dads, how can we make God real to our children as we teach them that God is indeed watching over them? How can we demonstrate to them that God is just? How can we teach our kids to use bad situations to make them more faithful to God?
2. Identify common circumstances where another's iniquities affects others who are removed or innocent of that situation. Is this the same as "when bad things happen to good people"? What does it mean to be "under the discipline rod of God?"
3. Share with your group about a time where you or someone you know made a bad decision and the negative consequences fell back on you or themselves? Why is learning by our own mistakes more permanent than learning by other's mistakes?

PRAY

Pray... Father God, we come into Your presence on behalf of the mothers whom You have entrusted with the care of our children. Thank You for creating each mom uniquely to meet the needs of the littlest of these, like during late nights with a colicky infant in a rocking chair and like the hands that lovingly wipe away tears. Give our moms the sustenance and strength they need especially when they are under-appreciated. Lord, we pray that You would heal the hurts and pains that we have caused our moms and replace them with Your peace and joy. Amen.