

Word One Bible Study

God Said, "Go!"

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Text: Amos 7:7-15 for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary Series B

OBJECTIVES

Participants will:

1. Discover that God has called all of His people into His service.
2. Identify where God is calling them to witness for Him.

MATERIALS NEEDED

Bibles

Pencils,

A copy of this Bible Study for each participant

Small slips of paper

Small container

GROUP GUIDELINES

This Bible Study has been developed for use in groups of 5-7 people. Each group will need a leader that will work to keep the discussion on the topic and will keep the study moving forward. This leader needs to encourage each member of the group to participate in the discussion. However, group members have the option of passing on any part of the sharing or discussion. Invite the shortest person in the group to serve as the leader.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

1. Share with the group the "scariest" place you have ever been. What made it scary?
2. Share with the group a place you have not been but you want to go someday. Why do you want to go to that place?

LOOKING AT GOD'S WORD

Background to the book of Amos:

The wealthy people of Israel were enjoying peace and comfort while the poor were suffering. The poor were even sold into slavery to make the rich even richer. However, God promises through the prophet Amos that Israel would soon be conquered by Assyria and the rich would soon be slaves.

1. Read Amos 7:10-15
2. Circle the words that best complete each sentence. Be ready to explain your choice.
 - a. Amos (wanted, willingly accepted, resisted) his role as a prophet.
 - b. (Amos, God, Amos' family) decided he should be a prophet.
 - c. Amos was qualified to be a prophet because of (his education, God, his job).
 - d. Amos was a (foolish, courageous, insane) man.
 - e. (You, God, Your family) know best where and how God can use you.
3. How is Amos received by the leaders of Israel? How do you suppose Amos felt having been treated the way he was by the leaders? How would you feel?
4. The name Amos means "burden bearer." What burdens do you think Amos bore for:
 - a. God
 - b. Israel
 - c. His family and friends
5. Read Amos 5:24. This is the central message of the book of Amos. How did this message apply during the time of Amos?

REINFORCING WHAT HAS BEEN LEARNED

1. What makes you qualified to talk about God?
2. God spoke to Amos directly and told him what to talk about with the leaders of Israel. How can the following help you talk about God?

The Bible Prayer Worship Christian fellowship
Youth Group Family

3. How will you be accepted if you talk about God:
among family among friends at church at school
4. Where does your strength and determination come from when you are talking about God with other people?

CLOSING

Each person writes his or her name on a slip of paper. The names are put into a small container. The container is passed around the group. Each group member removes a slip of paper with a name. The group will close with a circle prayer with each person praying for the person on the slip. The group leader will begin and end the prayer.

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