

Reflection and Discussion

Sermon Series	Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets
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CONNECT – Getting to know one another

Question 1: Proverbs 16:18 says, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.” Does this warning also apply to nations?

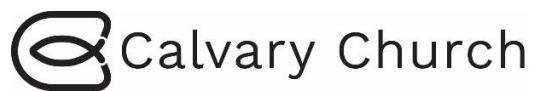
EQUIP – Understanding God’s word

Jacob and Esau were twins—but not in spirit.

Jacob hungered for God's promised blessing, but Esau (Edom) showed where his heart was when he sold God's blessing cheaply.

This difference set their futures on completely different trajectories.

- Question 3: Read Genesis 25:29-34 and Hebrews 12:15-17. How do these verses explain the hostility the Edomites felt toward the people of Judah?
- Question 4: When Israel escaped from Egypt, how did Edom's hostility toward them continue (Num 20:14-21)?
- Question 5: Why is hard-heartedness so destructive and persistent? (Hebrews 12:15)
- Question 6: As the book opens, what stands out to you about God's description of the Edomites (v 1-4)?
- Question 7: Why does pride leave us especially vulnerable to deception (v 2)?
- Question 8: What lie had Edom believed about itself (v 3)?
- Question 9: How did Edom's feeling of invincibility embolden them to continue in their hard-hearted behavior toward Israel?
- Question 10: The Edomites gazed with delight and rejoiced in Judah's destruction. Why did they find joy in watching Judah fall (v 12)?
- Question 11: God's wrath was flamed by Edom's lack of compassion at their brother's devastation. What do verses 8-10 reveal about the consequences to Edom for their actions?
- Question 12: Why did God hold Edom guilty when Babylon destroyed Judah? Was it their actions, their inaction, or their attitude of heart (v 11-14)?
- Question 13: Different fates await Israel and Edom on the day of the Lord. What are they (v 15-18)?



DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 14: Edom's proud heart had deceived them. What are some examples in our culture of deception that leads people to believe they are invincible and will never face consequences?

Question 15: How can we keep our hearts from being deceived by pride?

Question 16: What are some examples today of cultural hostility similar to what Edom felt toward Israel? What can we as Christians do to be part of the solution instead of the problem?

Question 17: When does our silence become complicity when we encounter injustice?