

## Reflection and Discussion

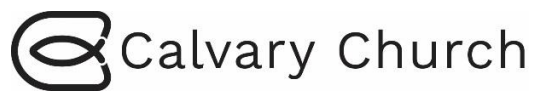
Sermon Series	Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets
Sermon Title	Staying or Straying?
Bible Texts	Nahum
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### CONNECT – Getting to know one another

- Question 1: Imagine for a moment receiving a prophetic word from God that requires of you to announce the destruction of city. What would you do? How would you process this request?
- Question 2: How do we reconcile our belief that God is loving and compassionate with the revelation that he is also jealous and avenging?
- Question 3: Why is cruelty such a horrible type of evil?

### EQUIP – Understanding God's word

- Question 4: 100 years before Nahum gave this prophecy, Jonah brought God's word to Nineveh. What was their response? (Mt. 12:41)
- Question 5: In a couple generations, they had returned to their arrogance and cruelty. Why do you think that happened?
- Question 6: How does Nahum describe God's power in 1:3-8?
- Question 7: Compare Nahum 1:2-3 with Exodus 34:6-7. What aspects of God's character does each focus on?
- Question 8: How would the people of Judah feel when hearing that the Lord is slow to anger and great in power?
- Question 9: What does Nahum mean when he says God is jealous and avenging? (Compare 1:2 with Deuteronomy. 4:23-24.)
- Question 10: Nahum uses the metaphor of the "lion" to express the mindset of the King of Assyria (2:11-13). What did the king do in order to preserve his security? How might we compromise our values in order to preserve our comfort and security?
- Question 11: In 3:4, Nahum uses the metaphor of a prostitute to describe Nineveh. What would that metaphor imply about a city or a country? (See also Revelation 17:1-6.)
- Question 12: What are some of the images that Nahum uses to describe the destruction of Nineveh in 2:3-6?
- Question 13: Why was it necessary for God to destroy Nineveh?
- Question 14: Will God still take vengeance on nations?



## DISCIPLESHIP – Becoming and doing

Question 15: Nineveh lived as though God would never judge sin. How might we fall into the same fatal error? How can we protect against it?

Question 16: What are some ways you can guard your heart against the sin of pride?

Question 17: How could knowing about God's fierce anger against evil bring us to repentance?