"Nahum's oracle of judgment on the Assyrian Empire was written in 650 BC and fulfilled a generation later in 612 BC." *The Essential Bible Companion* Nahum is sequel to Jonah

"*This is the vision God gave to Nahum, who lived in Elkosh, concerning the **impending doom of Nineveh**:* Nahum 1:1 (TLB)

*But the LORD says, "Assyria, no matter how strong you are, **you are doomed**!* Nahum 1:12 (CEV)

***Doom**, city of bloodshed—all deceit, full of plunder: prey cannot get away.* Nahum 3:1 (CEB)

Key Teachings about God

1. **God is good, slow to anger and great in power**.

   ³ The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. Nahum 1:3 (NKJV)

   ⁷ The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7 (NKJV)

2. **God is sovereign in history, the oppressed get justice**.

   ²For the LORD will restore the splendor and majesty of Israel. Nahum 2:2 (AMP)

   ⁷"It is decreed: Nineveh is stripped, and she is carried away, ¹³ "Behold, I am against you [Nineveh]," declares the LORD of hosts..." Nahum 2:7,13 (AMP)

3. **God judges violent nations, justice is certain.**

   ¹Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs. "For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?" Nahum 3:1,19 (NKJV)

   ⁷ The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. Nahum 1:7 (NKJV)

How to Receive Christ:
"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

Discussion Questions:
1. How is God slow to anger and great in power?
2. How does God care for those who trust Him?
3. What does it mean that God is sovereign?
4. How is God "all knowing?"
5. Why would it be unjust to allow the wicked to not be judged?