

"Zephaniah!" Small Group Questions Week of August 2, 2020

## **Icebreaker:**

Can you think of a time you were really angry? If you are comfortable, share this experience with your group. Was it a righteous anger or not so much?

What is something you have learned thus far in our study of the Minor Prophets?

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Before you begin, take time to listen to or read through Zephaniah.
- 2. What hymns or praise songs can you think of with warnings of coming judgment?

Why do you think there are so few?

- 3. Read Zephaniah 1:14 and 2:3 aloud. Share any observations you have about these verses.
- 4. Zephaniah means "Jehovah hides" or "Jehovah protects." What comfort does this give you? What mental picture do you have of this hiding or protection?
- 5. If God were to clear out the idols in our culture today, what would they be and what might he do?
- 6. How would you describe Jerusalem during Zephaniah's time?
- 7. Why do you think the prophets end their messages with words of hope?
- 8. How do God's wrath, judgment, mercy, and grace work with one another?
- 9. What application can we have from a prophetic book like Zephaniah?