

LIFE LINKS

Growing Together



(Remember the point is not to get through all the questions, but to facilitate connection between each other and God's word.)

:Life:

How was your summer?

:Bible:

We are starting a new series on the book of Amos. Amos was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel. God called him to deliver a series of messages and then he returns to his business of being a shepherd in Tekoa. He begins with multiple oracles all addressed at Israel and Judah's neighbors. Then he turns to speak directly to the covenant people of God.

Amos is unique in his time as a prophet because he was not a part of a prophet guild or a known prophet. God calls him and gives him words to speak to the nation and then he returns to his trade.

Just like Amos God calls us to testify to his goodness and grace. We probably will not be placed in the court of a king with a specific message but we all have experienced the grace of God and we can share that message with those in our spheres of influence. No matter what job we have we carry the gospel with us into those places.

Do you view your job as ministry? Why or why not? Have God ever used your job to reach others?

Do you think of sharing the gospel as intimidating or for someone else to do?

When we talk about the prophets we see God's judgement. How do we understand God's grace and his judgement? Who gets grace and who gets judgement?

Read Scripture:
Colossians 4:5-6

[5] Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. [6] Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person. (ESV)

How we treat people outside the church has huge impact on how they view Jesus. Christians don't always have the best reputation. What are some practical ways to start changing the way the church is perceived in our community?

:Application:

Have you connected with your one over their summer?

:Prayer Requests:

