

WEEK 3
LESSON OUTLINE



BIG IDEA

God will make wrong things right.

BIBLE

Amos 5:10–15; James 5:1–8;
Isaiah 1:17

ABOUT THIS WEEK

People who cut to the front of the line at an amusement park can fill us with anger and a sense of injustice, but how should we respond to those feelings? This week, we'll read from the book of Amos to see how he responded to the injustices he saw in his community. Instead of just letting things slide, Amos took action, showing us **God will make wrong things right**.

WHAT?

Have you ever been in line for a ride for hours, and suddenly, someone jumps in front of you? It seems so unfair. And you want someone to step in to make it right. We all want things to be made right when we see or experience something wrong. What can we do when we are disheartened at the wrongs around us?

SO WHAT?

In the Old Testament, there was a prophet named Amos. He didn't set out to be God's representative. Amos started as a shepherd and farmer, but when he saw people who were supposed to be faithful to God intentionally harming society's most vulnerable, he sensed God was calling him to say something about it. So, Amos confronted them about the harm they were causing, and in the process, God gave him the courage to overcome fear and remind the powerful to seek and love goodness, hate evil, and maintain justice. Our job is to be like Amos and rely on God to help name the wrongs we see, seek love and goodness, and hate evil. So even when it is scary to maintain justice and speak the truth, we know God is with us, sustaining us as we join God's work of making wrong things right.

In James 5, we read the words of Jesus' brother, telling us that God is coming to help right wrongs, and we have a part to play. When we do what we can to love amid the hurts, we see and trust God to do the rest! God's at work turning injustice upside down and inviting us to participate because **God will make wrong things right**.

NOW WHAT?

Here are a few ways you can start doing that this week.

- **TALK TO GOD:** God sees a way to take the wrongs you visit to make them right. Tell God why this upsets you and why. And then listen for God to respond.
- **TALK TO THE PEOPLE AFFECTED:** Any solution must include those who've experienced the harm. Is that something you can help with? As you create solutions, partner with the people who are affected.
- **TURN TALK INTO ACTION:** Make a plan with some friends to take what you heard God say and what the people affected said and then do something about it. Think about the unique gifts and passions God has given you. I bet there's a need that God has given you gifts to help meet.

We can be unafraid when we see or experience hurt because we trust that God will make wrong things right.