

Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

Series: The Big Idea

Title: Prophecy

Text: Amos 5:21–24

October 19, 2025

- 1. Did someone ever tell you a hard truth about yourself that you didn't want to hear at first but later realized you needed to hear? How did that truth change you, over time, by God's grace?
- 2. When you hear the word *prophet*, what comes to mind? Do you think of prediction, confrontation, inspiration, or something else?
- 3. What stood out to you in the message titled, *The Big Idea: Prophecy*? Did a word, image or story invite you to think differently about what a prophet does? How does Pastor Amy define *prophecy*?
- 4. Read Amos 5:21-24. What emotions or images come to mind as you hear God's words through Amos? How do you understand the tension between worship and justice in this passage?

5. Why do you think God rejects Israel's songs and sacrifices in this context? What does that reveal about the kind of relationship God desires with God's people today?
6. Amos declares, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24) What does that vision look like in your own community?
7. Read Micah 6:6-8. How does Micah's message complement Amos's call for justice? What do both prophets teach us about what God truly values?
8. Read Luke 4:18-19. Here Jesus quotes Isaiah to announce his mission of good news for the poor and freedom for the oppressed. How does his ministry connect with the work of Amos and Micah?
9. Where do you see the need for a prophetic voice today in the world, the city, your workplace or even within the church? What might faithful speech or action look like there?
10. How can your group pray for courage to listen to God's prophetic voice and to join in the work of justice that flows from genuine worship?