

The Prophetic Imagination

The Most Disturbing People Who Have Ever Lived

SERMON SUMMARY

The Old Testament prophets were God's messengers, delivering powerful and often challenging messages to Israel about justice, repentance, and hope. Their words, filled with vivid imagery and profound truths, continue to resonate today, guiding us towards a deeper understanding of God's will and purpose.

KEY VERSES

Jeremiah 1:7 - "Say whatever I command you" and verse 9 says, "I have put My words in your mouth."

SERMON NOTES LINK

<https://bible.com/events/49393253>

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Watch this short video from the Bible Project <https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/the-prophets/>
2. Read Deuteronomy 18:18-19. How does this passage define the role of a prophet? What responsibilities did prophets have according to these verses?
3. How familiar are you with the Prophetic Books in the Bible? Why do you think they are important for us to read today?
4. Read Jeremiah 1:4-10. What mission did God give to Jeremiah? How does this reflect the broader purpose of the prophets?
5. Read Joel 2:12-13. How does Joel call the people to repentance? What does this tell us about God's desire for His people?
6. Read Isaiah 40:1-5. What message of hope does Isaiah bring to the people? How does this passage offer comfort and assurance?
7. Read Zephaniah 1:14-18. This passage describes the Day of the Lord, a topic we'll look at later in the series. But for now, how do you feel when you read this kind of language?
8. Read Micah 6:8. How can the teachings of the prophets about justice, mercy, and humility be applied in our lives today? Why are these messages still relevant?

PRAYER

Our faithfulness to God matters and we should take it seriously because we love Him. Have someone read Isaiah 1:16-18.

Invite each member to silently confess any areas where they feel they have fallen short in their walk with God. After a few minutes of silent reflection, thank God for his forgiveness and for the washing away of our sins by the blood of Jesus.