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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: Amos: Summer in the Minor Prophets
Key Scripture: Amos 4–6, Amos 9:11–15
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Date + Speaker: July 13, 2025 | Pastor Jessica Scheel

Starter:
What's something simple that makes you feel comfortable—like a favorite snack, cozy spot, or relaxing activity?

The Big Idea:
Conviction is not meant to shame us, but to shape us. Sometimes we need to hear a word from God that's uncomfortable, but it's the truth, and it's not meant to shame us, but to shape us.

Discussion:

1. Amos was an ordinary shepherd and farmer (Amos 7:14), yet God called him to be a prophet and deliver a powerful message. Why do you think God chooses ordinary people to do extraordinary things? How does this encourage you about how God can use anyone?

2. In Amos 6, God warns about the danger of complacency and loving comfort more than caring for others. In what ways does comfort sometimes distract us from living on mission for Jesus?

3. The Israelites enjoyed wealth but ignored the needs of others. How can we guard our hearts from letting comfort and possessions take priority over people and justice?

4. Pastor Jessica's message on Amos touched upon comparison and discontent. How have you seen comparison affect your joy or your focus on God? How can we practice contentment in today's culture?

5. What does generosity look like in your own life — not just with money, but with time, gifts and care for others?

6. In Amos 5, God rejects empty religion and calls for justice and righteousness. How can we be careful not to "go through the motions" in our faith, but instead live with transformed hearts?

7. God also confronted stubbornness in Israel. Have you ever resisted God's prompting because it felt uncomfortable? How can we learn to recognize and surrender stubborn areas in our lives?

8. Amos ends his message with a promise of hope and restoration (Amos 9:11–15). What does this reveal about God's character—how He balances justice with mercy?

Diving Deeper:

9. In what ways does our culture promote the same struggles Amos addressed — complacency, hypocrisy, stubbornness? How can we live counter-culturally as followers of Jesus?

10. What practical steps can we take this week to shift our focus from comfort to calling, from possessions to purpose?

11. As a church, how can we support each other in being honest with God, living generous lives, and walking in obedience — even when it's uncomfortable?