WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: Summer in the Minor Prophets: Nahum.
Key Scripture: Nahum 1:1-8.
Recorded Sermon: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hrIpp512ww
Date + Speaker: August 3, 2025 | Pastor Matt

Big Idea:
Knowing and understanding God transforms our walk with Him. He is a powerful refuge for those who trust Him.

Starter:
What is something you always turn to or reach out for when you are stressed?

Discussion:

1. Read Nahum 1:1-8
    a. Identify words that are used to describe God.
    b. What contrasts are stated between God's patience and justice? (vs 3)
    c. How does nature respond to God (vs 4- 6).
2. In verse 7, identify three truths revealed about God.
3. What does God do for those who trust in Him (vs. 7)
4. In the passage, how is God's power shown to be both terrifying and comforting?

Diving Deeper:

1. How can a deeper understanding of God's character (just, patient, powerful and personal) help us to trust Him more.
2. What practical steps can be taken to build consistency in our relationship with God?
3. What would it look like to 'stand apart from culture' this week? (Culture that tries to make us self-reliant rather than dependent on God).

4. What can we do when we find ourselves reaching out to ‘counterfeit substitutes’ (things that give us fulfilment outside God), when life feels uncertain?
5. Will the knowledge that ‘God is our refuge’ influence the way we handle personal storms and struggle? How (please give some examples for better understanding).
6. According to Pastor Matt, ‘Test of time reveals true trust.’ How has this played out in your spiritual journey?
7. In what ways is God calling us to return to a deeper trust and dependence on Him?

Personal Reflection and Prayer

Is there an area in your life where you have been depending on something or someone other than God as your refuge? This is a good opportunity to intentionally place your trust in God again.

Thank you, Father, because You are good, powerful and a refuge in every time of trouble. Help us to know You and trust You more. Teach us to slow down and stop settling for less than Your best for us. Amen.