

## Relate Group Questions

July 7, 2019

### Ice Breaker Question:

Where was your safe place of retreat as a child? Why there? Where is such a place for you now?

**Relate Group Value: Confidentiality** – keeping the group safe by promising that whatever is shared within the group will not be repeated elsewhere, except for leaders' accountability to church supervision or threat of harm to self or others.

### Sermon Title: Judgment is Coming

Sermon Text: Obadiah 1-21

Other Relevant Scriptures: Jeremiah 49:7-22; Lamentations 4:22; Ezekiel 25:12-14; Amos 1:11-12; Isaiah 21:11-12; 2 Peter 3:12; 1 Corinthians 1:7-9

1. The prophecy about Edom correlates with the words of an earlier prophet (Jeremiah 49:7-22). What if anything, does Obadiah tell you about the historical context of this writing or the event it portends?
2. What natural fortifications give Edom an illusion of security (verse 3)? To whom are they still vulnerable (verses 4, 7-9)? Why?
3. Upon what rock-like structures might you be basing your security? An insurance policy? Church? Family inheritance? How might this “pride of your heart” be deceiving you?
4. Just as Judah waited for the “Day of the Lord” what “Day of the Lord” do you await (2 Peter 3:12; 1 Corinthians 1:7-9)?
5. In your opinion, is that day too far away to be concerned about? Or is it “right around the corner”? In either event, what are you doing (or drinking, verse 16) in preparation for that day?
6. Who are some displaced Christians today? What hope might Obadiah offer them? What would Obadiah say to those who encouraged their displacement?
7. How would you respond if God called you to share a message like Obadiah's with some people today? What audience might be ripe for this message? How do you think they would respond?

### Weekly Check-up:

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

In what ways are you serving in our church?

Are you consistently giving to support the mission of our church?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?

What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?