

Study Guide on Amos 5:10-27

English Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

Amos 5:10-27

(Amos 5:10) They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

(Amos 5:11) Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

(Amos 5:12) For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate.

(Amos 5:13) Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

(Amos 5:14) Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.

(Amos 5:15) Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

(Amos 5:16) Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord: “In all the squares there shall be wailing, and in all the streets they shall say, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall call the farmers to mourning and to wailing those who are skilled in lamentation,

(Amos 5:17) and in all vineyards there shall be wailing, for I will pass through your midst,” says the LORD.

(Amos 5:18) Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,

(Amos 5:19) as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

(Amos 5:20) Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

(Amos 5:21) “I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

(Amos 5:22) Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.

(Amos 5:23) Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

(Amos 5:24) But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

(Amos 5:25) “Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings during the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

(Amos 5:26) You shall take up Sikkuth your king, and Kiyun your star-god--your images that you made for yourselves,

(Amos 5:27) and I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,” says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?