

Questions for Further Reflection – Amos:

1. What injustices do you see against the poor and other marginalized groups in today's society? What groups of people seem to have a difficult time getting ahead because of how society is structured? What groups seem to have an easier time getting ahead?
2. Amos reminds Israel that God cares about three groups in particular – immigrants who come to the country seeking a better life, those who have no fathers (parents) to take care of them or whose families are broken, those whose spouses are no longer here. Where are we most likely to see each of these groups? What do they look like in today's world?
3. Read Amos 2:6-8. If Amos were alive today and making a similar list of issues he sees with Christians in America, what do you think would be on the list?
4. Grade America on the following:
 - a. Treatment of and care for immigrants
 - b. Treatment of and care for those from broken homes
 - c. Treatment of and care for those who have lost a spouse and are alone

Now grade Christians in America on these three things.

Now grade your congregation on the same.

Are there any changes you can make in your congregation or community to increase the grades you've given?

5. We have heard a lot about systemic racism and systemic injustice in the last year. Amos was talking about the very same thing. How can we begin to transform social structures that permit injustice so that the marginalized can experience justice rolling down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream? What specific things can *you* do to make a difference?