

NAHUM

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

“The Unsafe Lord”

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Scripture: Nahum 1:2-11

“Every Word” Series

The Unsafe Lord

The judging, avenging, wrathful, powerful Lord is good.

Key Verse: “The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him.” Nahum 1:7

Outline of Nahum 1:2-11

1:2-6 The Lord is not safe.

1:7 He is good.

1:8-11 He is the king.

1. The Lord is not safe.

- a. The LORD is a _____ and _____ God;
- b. ... the LORD is _____ and _____ ;
- c. ... the LORD takes _____ on his adversaries
and keeps _____ for his enemies.
- d. The LORD is slow to _____ and great in
_____, and the LORD will by no means
_____ the guilty.

2. He is good.

- a. The Lord is _____.
- b. Job 1:8-11, 2:9
- c. God's goodness is _____, top shelf
goodness. No one else _____ him good, or
_____ him be good.
- d. It doesn't help to know God is _____ if God
isn't good... And it doesn't matter that he is
_____ unless he is powerful.

3. He is the King.

- a. Rev. 6:10
- b. "Trouble will not rise up a _____."
- c. "His judgment is an _____ expression of
his _____ on behalf of the victims of evil."

Getting Started:

Read the Book of Nahum

Which relationships in your life have changed during the last few months? Which ones have remained the same? Has your relationship with God changed?

What characteristics of God have been more evident to you during the Covid crisis? Which have seemed more distant?

What does it mean to you in a general sense that "God is good?"

Digging Deeper:

Read Nahum 1:2-6.

Make a list of all the descriptions of the Lord in these verses, either who he is or what he does. How does that fit with the way we normally think of God?

Why is it *good* for us that he is all these things? And why is it *necessary*?

Read Nahum 1:7.

Revisit your list of descriptions. How can all that judgment and vengeance also be "good?"

When has God been a stronghold for you?

Read Matthew 7:21-27. What is comforting about God *knowing* those who take refuge in him?

Finish the sentences...

"I see God's goodness in..."

"God is good, therefore I will..."

Getting Real:

How might we show others God's goodness? What would it look like to reflect that aspect of his character?

Pray Together:

Our Father and Keeper, Thank you for your goodness, throughout the ups and downs of life, throughout our current circumstances, as well as those past and those to come. Lord, help us to trust you in the downs. Help us to seek refuge in your stronghold and to lead others to do the same. Give us boldness to live out your goodness for others. Amen.