

# OBADIAH

– Every Word: summer series in the small books –

## “A Bigger and Better Plan”

July 26, 2020

**Scripture: Obadiah**

**“Every Word” Series**

Introduction

Jacob:

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Adam:

Key Verse: *“For the day of the Lord is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.” Obadiah 15*

----- to living in God's bigger, better plan for our lives:

1. ----- **the pride of your heart. (v.1-9)**
  - a. In our -----
  - b. In our -----

c. In our \_\_\_\_\_

d. In our \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for what is good and right and true.

(10-14)

a. \_\_\_\_\_ over Resentment

b. \_\_\_\_\_ over Aloofness

c. \_\_\_\_\_ over Gloating

d. \_\_\_\_\_ over Hurting

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God. (15-21)

a. Because it is \_\_\_\_\_

b. Because it is \_\_\_\_\_

c. Because it is \_\_\_\_\_

d. Because it is \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting Started:

Have you ever thought, or heard someone say, "What is God's plan for my life?" Why is this question significant or important?

Share your thoughts and feelings in regard to God's wrath judgement as we see it in the Bible. What makes sense? What is hard about it?

## Digging Deeper:

**Read Obadiah. Read the introductory notes in your Bible or online to familiarize yourself even more with the context and setting. Share your findings with others.**

It has been said that pride is the root of all sin. What is pride and what is it that keeps us from seeing God and ourselves rightly?

Why do we often want to be bigger than we are? What are the benefits of accepting our smallness (especially in light of God's bigness!)

How do you feel about playing a supportive role in God's story rather than the primary role, which Jesus occupies? Can you find significance in this?

What is the difference between finding strength and security in ourselves and finding strength and security that God has supplied us?

What is resentment? Do you have a hard time letting go and forgiving? How does Jesus' work on the cross enable us to forgive?

Share a time when you felt alone and others were simply standing aloof. Share a time when you stepped in and acted or intervened when someone else was hurting.

How can we be a people that show grace to others that, like us! Don't deserve it?

When is it hard to help? When is it easy to hurt? When is it easy to ignore God?

Jesus brings the kingdom of God near to us, regardless of our circumstances. How can we together seek the kingdom of God?

What difference does it make that God's saving work applies historically and globally?

What does seeking the kingdom of God look like in practical, everyday situations we face?

In which situation you are currently facing do you most need the hope of eternity?

**Pray Together:** *Father, you have a bigger and better plan for our lives. Our lives are but a breath in light of eternity. We surrender to your sovereign care and plans. May our lives be holy and pleasing to you. Forgive us where we have gone our own way. Jesus, may we honor you in our lives this day. Our hope is in you, Amen.*