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Majoring in the Minors
Minor Prophets, Major Truths



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Application Questions

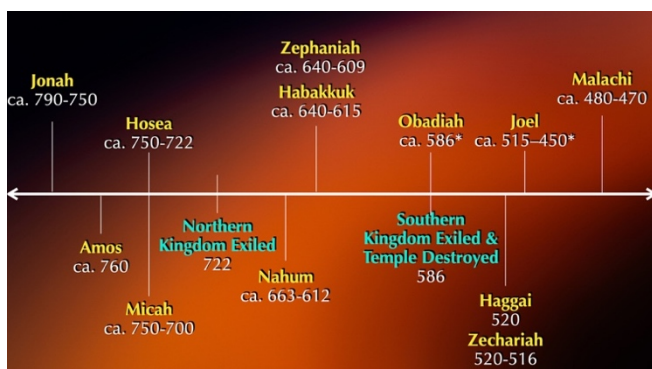
Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 2:17** and **Hebrews 4:1**. What should fearing God look like for a Christian? What are some pitfalls that Christians must avoid in fearing God too much and not fearing Him enough? How can you both fear God and feel close to Him at the same time?

2. Read **James 1:27** and **2:1-13**. According to **James 2:1-13**, what was going on in the churches he was writing to that may have prompted him to define pure religion in these terms? How might you argue that neglecting to care for the orphans and widows or showing partiality to the rich reveals a deficiency in a person's understanding and appreciation of the gospel? Are you aware of any pockets of partiality in your own life?

3. Read **Matthew 25:37-40**. True or False: There is good to be found in mercy ministry even if we never get a chance to share the gospel with the people we are helping. Defend your answer. How are we to show mercy to others "in [Jesus'] name?"

4. How have you seen mercy ministry done well, and how can we help the cynical person overcome their doubts about the place this should have in a Christian's life?



Recommended Reading

- *The Minor Prophets (2 Volume Set)* – James Montgomery Boice
- *Handbook on the Prophets* - Robert Chisolm
- *When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty without Hurting the Poor and Yourself* - Steve Corbett and Brian Finkkert
- *Practical Religion* - J.C. Ryle



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