

Bible Chat week starting 17 7 22

Read Amos 8: 1 - 12

1. The sermon argued that the graphic language of this oracle was to wake up the elite of Judah; to sound an alarm. Judgement was coming, but what offences had been committed?
2. Why is this so important to God? What similar injustices might we see in our day?
3. Discuss the attitudes to worship and the word of God portrayed in this text. How does this compare with attitudes to worship and the word of God in our own day?

Read Luke 10: 38 - 42

1. This is such a well-known story. Reflect on what Jesus means by telling Martha that "few things are needed - or indeed only one".
2. David argued that, taking into account the context of Luke 10, and of all of Jesus' ministry, we can only conclude that both **spiritual activity** (sitting at Jesus' feet) and **outer service** (working in the kitchen) are needed in a healthy life. Do you agree, and how would you express the proper relationship between these two aspects of life?
3. Are you more prone to too much **spiritual activity** or too much **outer service**? What does that say of you, and what would Jesus say to you about this?

Read Colossians 1: 15 - 20

1. According to this passage, what is the relationship between Christ and the universe?
2. Explore how God reconciles everything to himself according to these verses.
3. What does this passage mean to you? What difference might it make to your life?