Series *Sermon-based Growth Group*
Zephaniah 3:1-8
Questions
October 17, 2021

Introductory Discussion:
What from Sunday's sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or troubling (pick any or all of the above)?

Discussion:

1. What does it mean to "do violence to the law" (verse 4)?
    a. What might cause someone to misinterpret scripture?
    b. What is the problem with doing so?

2. Think of a time when you failed to "heed his voice" (verse 2) and ran into trouble; can you look back and see what the voice of God was telling you what to do?
    a. Read Amos 4:6-1. What does God do to Israel and why?
    b. What are the parallels between Amos and signs from God in our lives?
    c. How can you tell when it is God calling for your return or just the struggles of life?
    d. With each way, how do we respond (See Hebrews 7:7)?

3. According to verse Zephaniah 3:3-4, what was the overall goal of Israel's leadership?
    a. What happens when our personal goals intrude into our spiritual goals?

4. We may not be literally sacrificing our children to foreign gods, but how can how we live metaphorically do the same thing?

5. How was God' s message to the world harmed by Israel's failure to live the way God wanted?
    a. What does that fact mean for us?

6. How is God's discipline an act of love?

7. No matter how far you stray, what is God's promise (see verse 5)?

8. Are you moving toward God, or away? (It must be one or the other.)