

Week beginning 3rd March 2019

## Twelve dead men speak

Amos

### Welcome

What situations make you angry?



15 mins 3/3

### Worship

Think about situations in your life, the church, our nation and the world which trouble you. Spend some time bringing them to God in prayer.  
Sing some songs.



20 mins 3/3

### Word

Like Hosea, Amos had a prophetic ministry in the northern kingdom of Israel in the 8th century BC, though he came from Tekoa in the kingdom of Judah. Chapter 1 tells us that he was not a 'professional prophet' (these often get a bad press in the Old Testament), but a shepherd and fruit farmer, called by God to speak His words, and they are mainly words of judgement. In chapter 5 he warns the people that the Day of the Lord, that they imagined would be one of triumph for Israel would, in fact, be a day of judgement, because of their failure to live up to their calling as the people of God.



Read Amos 5:11-27

What has Israel done to deserve God's judgement?  
What would it mean for the people to 'seek good'?  
Is there any hope in this passage or is their fate sealed?  
How were the Israelites mistaken about the day of the Lord?  
Why does the Lord despise their religion?  
What does it mean for us to seek the Lord this week?  
What do you think God thinks of our worship?  
How can we show a concern for justice and righteousness as individuals, as a church and in our nation?

10 mins 3/3

### Witness

As we begin Lent, think about what you might give up or take up in order to use the time to get closer to God.



The Lent course starts on Wednesday 20th March in church. Details will be in the notices.

10 mins 3/3