

## **Obadiah: Protector of the Humble**

Core Group Discussion Guide

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### **Message Overview:**

We don't often like to think about what happens to those who oppose God. We are taught to love all whom God has created, and we are taught by God not to wish for the misfortune of others. While those are good and true, the prophet Obadiah reveals that God protects His children and will punish those who abuse His people. When people stand against God's people, they are standing against God himself, and that is the height of arrogance. The Bible tells us that God lifts up the humble but opposes the proud (Ps 147:6, Pr. 29:23). As God's children, we should take comfort in knowing that our Father is a passionate, protective father to us. And as we live in humble obedience toward Him, He will lift us up and strengthen our faith even in difficult circumstances. In this message we will explore what it means to live humble lives toward God and what it means for the humble to trust God. God has the back of the Humble.

### **Text:**

- Obadiah
- Psalms 147:6
- Proverbs 29:23
- James 4:10

### **Questions for Discussion:**

1. What stood out to you from this morning's message?
2. How does it make you feel that God is our protector and avenger?
  - a. How do we keep from becoming vengeful people while taking comfort in the fact that God will hold evil done to us accountable?
3. Read Romans 12:14-21
  - a. Why do you think that God asks us to leave vengeance to Him?
4. In Obadiah, we see that God punishes those who oppress His people. Does this mean that we won't ever suffer at the hands of others? Why or why not?
5. Why do you think that God allows us to suffer and to be ridiculed at times? What is his purpose in allowing that? (After some discussion, read James 1:2-4)