

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of November 12

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### Let's Roll

**Our Scripture: Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24**

#### **Ice Breaker**

What famous person in all of history (other than Jesus) would you most like to meet?

#### **Quick review**

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

#### **Digging Deeper**

1. Read Amos 2: 6-8, 5:11-12. Circle 5 phrases that document Amos' charges against israel.
2. Greg said that Amos was an outsider who lacked religious credentials. Read John 1: 43-46 and Matthew 13:53-57. What did Amos and Jesus have in common?

#### **Media Mix - The Todd Beamer story**

On September 11th, 2001 at 9:45AM Todd Beamer, aboard AA flight 93, was able to connect by cell phone to Verizon operator Lisa Jefferson..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwtBHKy7x6k> (youtube)

<http://old.post-gazette.com/nation/20020911jefferson0911P6.asp> (print story)

## **Bringing It Home**

1. Tell about where you are “from.” Have you ever been looked down on because of the status of your birth and upbringing?
- 2 . What have been the significant rituals of our church the past month? How might these matter *little* to God?
3. How has your group’s serve event helped you connect to living the call of Amos?
4. Greg mentioned the witness of Martin Luther, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero and Dietrich Bonhoeffer among those who lived the legacy of Amos. What do you know of their lives? How could you learn more?

## **Prayer Time**

Stand in a circle facing each other. What would you like to say to the group by way of appreciation as you gather for this last occasion of the fall Growth Group Cycle. The youngest member of the group may offer a closing prayer. :)

## **Housekeeping**

This is our last week in the fall Growth Group series. Our winter cycle begins the week of January 21st. What are your thoughts about the status of your group in the winter cycle?