

## Adult Application Guide for Theology Driven Ministry Curriculum

### TDM in Sunday School

#### Lesson 4 –Proclaiming Biblically

**Scripture Focus:** Zephaniah 1-2:3

**Memory Verse:** Zeph. 2:3, "Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the LORD'S anger." NKJV

**Key Biblical Truth:** Proclaiming the Gospel in the world today is a Biblical mandate. Proclaiming Biblically means that a proper understanding of God's judgment is required before a proper understanding of God's grace can be appreciated.

#### Study Questions:

**Monday:** In chapter one, verses 1-9, who are some of the groups of people that God's judgment will fall on? What principle about God's judgment does the believer have to come to grips with after reading these verses?

**Tuesday:** In verses 10-13, what does God specifically say is an indication of those who will be judged? What does verse 12 reveal about the belief system of those who are judged?

**Wednesday:** After reading verses 14-18, what does the Bible reveal about how God will judge people in the Day of the Lord? What is the reason (found in verse 17) for all of this judgment? What does this reveal about the seriousness of sin today?

**Thursday:** What does verse 18 specifically say will not help those who are judged? What truth is revealed for the believer today in this verse?

**Friday:** Re-read all of chapter one again. How does chapter one set the scene for 2:1-3? Why would God present all of this judgment and destruction before he showed the people how to escape it?

#### Application Questions:

1. What did Zephaniah's gospel presentation (Zeph. 1-2:3) focus on? What was the cause of all the judgment (1:17)? What does this reveal to us today about the true nature of the gospel?
2. Do you agree with this statement, "A person will not understand grace until they see their need for it?" How would someone's answer to this statement affect

their gospel presentation? How do you believe Zephaniah would answer these questions?

**Application Challenge:** This week, examine your understanding of sin and God's judgment. Then begin to proclaim the gospel in a way that balances God's judgment and his grace rather than focusing on His grace at the expense of His judgment.