



## Insights – The God of Justice (The book of Nahum)

**Date:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Speaker:** Aaron Smith (City Centre Site), Jeff Stamps (South Site)

**Key Verses:** Nahum 1:7

### Talk Summary:

Chapter One: God of Justice – We look at the judgement coming upon Nineveh and the Empire if they don't repent and follow Yahweh. How do we view this picture of God being vengeful, angry and wrathful? And how important it is that God is both a God of love and justice

Chapter Two: God of the Impossible – The prophecies that Nahum gives around how this empire and city will fall are very specific and from a human perspective look completely ridiculous – but God is the God of the Impossible then and now – what's your impossible prayer?

Chapter Three: God of the second (and more) chances – God wants Nineveh to repent even though it is a cruel, violent and oppressive place. We two are called to repent when we live in ways that are not God's best for us. What does chapter three call us to as we seek to live God's way?

Through all of the chapters we see the fact that Jesus takes our punishment on the cross, how the cross is human history's greatest event and how it gives us the chance to have a second (and more) chance.

### **Worship**

*Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.*

*(Small group worship resources can be found at [bvc.so/sgworship](http://bvc.so/sgworship))*

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

*If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:*

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? (*Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it*)

**Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)**

- Do you know Jesus? Have you given your life to him? Have you put your trust in him so that no matter what we face, no matter what we see happening in the world – we KNOW we have refuge.
- What's our impossible prayer? What are we praying for God to do in ours and others lives?
- What attitudes or thoughts (based from Chapter 3) do we need to bring into the light and offer to God and ask for forgiveness?

**Witness - *How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?***

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
  - Upcoming Events (*go to [bvc.so/whats-on](http://bvc.so/whats-on) for details*)