



HAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

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- A) The people had enough to share, they just didn't want to.
- B) The people had enough to share, but the poor didn't deserve it.

God is a God of justice. What does that mean?

- A) He cares about the poor.
- B) He wants us to be good to others.
- C) He doesn't like rich people.
- D) He wants things to be fair.

What injustice is common today?

- A) Some people are bullies.
- B) People who have money have more power.
- C) The poor have trouble getting what they need.
- D) Other _____

How might mistreating the poor affect the poor?

- A) It can make their lives more difficult.
- B) It can make them sad or angry.
- C) It can make them doubt God's care.
- D) It can cause them to do desperate things they wouldn't normally do.

How does being unfair to someone affect you?

- A) It can harden my heart.
- B) It can make me feel bad about myself.
- C) It can cause me to avoid God.
- D) It can cause me to become a mean person.

A plumb line is a string with a stone or weight on one end. The plumb line is used as a standard to measure whether or not a wall is perfectly upright and straight. Using the Bible as the standard for living an upright life in God's eyes, how do you measure up this week?

- A) Vertical and perfectly straight
- B) Vertical but slightly crooked
- C) Horizontal
- D) Other _____

When we accept Jesus as our Savior, God then sees His Son in us and so we are good in God's eyes. That means we line up with God's plumb line! How does Amos' plumb line vision show that everyone needs a savior?

Amos and the Plumb Line

BETWEEN_{THE}LINES

Take some time to read the story of Amos and the plumb line in Amos 4:12b-13; 5:11-17; 7:7-8.



HAT DOES IT SAY?

Below list 5 things that the people of Israel were doing that displeased God. (See Amos 5:11-13.)

List 2 things that God said would happen to the people as a result of their sin. (See Amos 5:11-13.)

List 4 things God told the people to do that would please Him. (See Amos 5:14-17.)

In your own words, describe the vision that Amos saw. (See Amos 7:7-8.)



HAT DOES IT MEAN?

Look back (at the things you listed for the first question) at the things Israel was doing that displeased God. What does this tell you about God?

What does it tell you about the people at this time, that God would have to send a prophet to them?

What does it tell you about Amos, that he would obey?



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