

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: January 17, 2024
Amos 5:1-17

1. What kind of word is Amos giving in chapter 5, according 5:1?
 - a. Another Command.
 - b. A call to repentance.
 - c. He begins this text with a “lament” that he has “taken up” concerning them.

2. What is a lament?
 - a. A criticism.
 - b. A “prayer request” like you would find on the prayer lines of old, which seems more like a gossip.
 - c. A prayer expressing sorrow.
 - d. A lament should be the primary way that Christians process grief.
 - e. For a Christian who grew up with “look on the bright side” kind of teaching (like positive, encouraging...) a lament as part of our prayer life and Biblical study can be a little jarring.

3. Who has taken up this lament for Israel, according to 5:1-3?
 - a. Amos.
 - b. God.
 - c. Israel.

4. What does God then say to Israel in 5:4-6?
 - a. Seek me and live.
 - b. Do not seek Bethel.
 - c. Do not go to Gilgal.
 - d. Do not journey to Beersheba.
 - e. Seek the Lord and live.
 - f. Or...

5. What does God say in 5:7-9? _____

6. What does God say in 5:10-13? _____

7. What does God say in 5:14-15?
 - a. Seek good, not evil.
 - b. ...that you may live.
 - c. Then..
 - d. Hate evil, love good.
 - e. Maintain justice in the courts.
 - f. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy.

8. What are the consequences, according 5:16-17, of not responding to God’s call? _____
