



### **The Day of Hope : Zephaniah 3:9 – 3:20**

1. To get in to the passage, go through 3:9-20 and list out the amazing things God promises for his people on the Day of Hope.

- What are some contrasts with the preceding chapters?

2. Zephaniah 3:14-17 describe the intimate relationship God will have with his people in the new covenant. And yet in 1:4-6, God describes his judgement on his people who are worshipping the LORD but also idols.

- Pick out some of the marks of the relationship God describes in 3:14-17.
- Discuss what idols we have today. These can often be revealed by looking at what we fear, or what we daydream about. What stops us running to God

3. Read Ezekiel 11:17-20 and Jeremiah 32:37-41

- Pick out some of the marks of the new covenant that resonate with Zephaniah 3:9-20.
- Which of the promises about the Day of Hope that is described in 3:9-20 are for God's people now (in light of what Jesus has done for us) and which are still to come? You could look at these three sections:
  - 3:9-13 God will change his people because they can't change themselves
  - 3:14-17 God will have an intimate relationship with his people
  - 3:18-20 God will restore their fortunes