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2. The rebellions of the nations include: slavery, human trafficking, imperialism, desecration of the dead, war crimes, and overzealousness toward battle. Are these still issues in our world today? Where do you see them? If Amos were prophesying in the 21st Century how might he give voice to these rebellious sins?
3. God reserves his harshest words and judgment for his own covenant people. Why is this? What are the implications for us as the Church?
4. The rebellions of Israel include: human trafficking and slavery, disregard for the poor, perversions of the justice system against the marginalized and dispossessed, the sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable people, the ruthless treatment of those in debt, and the cavalier excesses of those with wealth. How are these things acts of rebellion against God? Where do you see these issues in our churches and society at large today? (Be specific)
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