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session page

Walk the Line

Amos 7:7-15 | Session 10.28

Before the Session

Facilitator: In advance of the session

- Review today's scripture text and the session activities to help better facilitate the discussion.
- Have the Bible Background Video ready to view.
- Encourage your group to listen to the Faithelement podcast ahead of the next session (Share the link via email or social media).
- Find web links for underlined items on this session's webpage at faithelement.net.

Context (From the Mind Session Page)

Start by asking:

- What kinds of expectations do we have of other people with whom we are in relationships?
- How often are those expectations spoken aloud?
- What happens when they are not met?
- What expectations are there in our relationship with God, whether from our side or from God's?
- What happens when those expectations aren't met, from either side?

Content (From the Current Session Page)

Read [Amos 7:7-15](#), and watch the Bible Background Video for this session. Continue by asking the group:

- Why do you think so many people tend to confuse the idea of a prophet, who literally speaks for God, with a soothsayer, who predicts the future?
- What is the purpose of a plumb line?
- In what ways does Amos' image of a plumb-line translate to our lives and why would he use that illustration to his original audience?
- If a prophet walked into our church or community and stretched out a plumb line to measure us, how would we expect our leaders to reply and why?
- Given that Amos was asked to leave the city after prophesying, what have we learned from this experience that we can apply, as a society today?
- What does it mean to say "the land cannot bear the weight of those words," especially in today's context?
- What kinds of things make us reluctant to speak, as Amos was?

Closure (from the Media Session page)

Play [Found Wanting 1](#), followed by [Found Wanting 2](#) and continue by asking:

- What are some differences between the two scenes that most stand out to you?
- Which scene do you think is more like the world you live in, or would like to live in, and why?
- In what ways do you think you may currently be "found wanting" by God, and what might be done about it?
- If a prophet from another country came to speak of you your country's failures, what would they be most likely to point out and how might they be received?
- How can a society move beyond the passions of the moment and into an attitude that might be more in line with the measure God wishes to see?

Close in prayer.