

## 2026-05-20 Summary

This powerful message confronts us with an uncomfortable question: Are we living according to biblical values or merely American cultural Christianity? Drawing from Amos 5:14-26 and 1 Peter 2:11-24, we're challenged to examine the small sins and compromises we tolerate in our daily lives—the things we think aren't that significant but that slowly erode our witness. The prophet Amos delivers a stark warning that God despises religious festivals and assemblies when they're divorced from justice and righteousness. He doesn't want our songs and offerings if we're harboring sin and refusing to truly repent. This isn't just ancient history—it's a mirror held up to our contemporary church culture where we might attend services, participate in small groups, and appear religious while secretly taking our sins right back home with us. The call is clear: seek good, not evil; hate what is wrong and love what is right. We're reminded that being under the new covenant doesn't give us license to be lukewarm. Instead, we're called to live such distinctly good lives that even those who oppose us will see our deeds and glorify God. This message strips away comfortable Christianity and calls us to authentic discipleship that costs us something—our pride, our comfort, our desire for validation—everything laid down so Christ can truly be Lord.