**BCM Bible Study – April 1 -2, 2015**

**Minor Prophets Theme 3: Jesus Defeats Sin and Death; He brings peace, salvation and righteousness.**

*Romans 3:10 - 20*

What is sin, who has it? How would you explain sin to someone who has never heard of it?

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

What are the consequences of sin? What does it mean we were “dead”? How do these verses resonate with your soul?

*Isaiah was written right before the fall of northern kingdom. The purpose of the book of Isaiah was to call God’s nation, the nation of Judah, back to faithfulness and to declare the coming Messiah “Immanuel”. God calls and commissions His prophet to declare to Judah and Israel condemnation, conviction, and ultimately great hope.*

*Read Isaiah 53*

How does Jesus “defeat” sin and death?

When someone repeats something it usually means they want you to see it, what does it mean to you that iniquity, sin, transgressions, and righteousness is repeated?

What does it mean to you the Christ took and bore your suffering and sin; “by his wounds we are healed,” how do you understand that in your life?

What does Isaiah 53:10 tell you about God’s love?

What does peace and salvation mean to you now?

*Zephaniah prophesied after the Northern kingdom fell to Assyria. Zephaniah's message is of judgment and encouragement. He pronounces the Lord’s judgment on the whole earth, on Judah, on the surrounding nations, on Jerusalem and on all nations. This is followed by proclamations of the Lord’s blessing on all nations and especially on the faithful remnant of His people in Judah.*

*Read Revelations 1:4 – 6, 17 – 18 and Zephaniah3:9 – 20*

What does “defeat” and victory mean to you now?

How does this change your view on your relationship with Christ?

*Romans 3:21 – 31*

We see Christ did something for us, so how do we accept this, what do we do?