

# DAY OF THE LORD

## CENTRAL TRUTH

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## KEY QUESTION

→ **Why is the day of the Lord good news for God's people?**

The Day of the Lord entails judgment for all people. For those who are God's enemies, it means disaster. For His people, it's a day of salvation and the fulfillment of God's promises. Believers out to live knowing that the final Day of the Lord is coming; our lives point others to Jesus and His promise of eternity with Him. God is loyal toward His people and will judge evil.

## KEEP IN MIND

- Obadiah is likely a book that the students in your small have not encountered. Take the time to help them understand the book's context and what the Israelites are going through. Be sure to use the Scripture Commentary pages to help you prepare. Though an often-overlooked book, there is much to learn from Obadiah!
- Though we can't relate to the scale of Israel's mistreatment at the hands of the Edomites, we can certainly relate to feeling mistreated and betrayed. Using the Culture Note as a guide, help students to understand how God's people are to respond to mistreatment.

## APPLICATION

- Who are some people you know who do not love God? How does this prophecy remind you the importance of sharing the good news with them?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Evil will not go unpunished by the Lord. We can rely on His goodness, justice, and commitment to His people.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Encourage students to share the hope of a God who loves them and is faithful toward them with others. Emphasize celebrate God's character as you lead.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?