



## Pre-Retreat Learning – Amanda Gorman

In preparation for the retreat, we are asking all participants to commit to approximately 1-hour of pre-retreat learning. The goal of this “assignment” is to establish a foundation of knowledge about our central biblical figure (Amos) and your pre-selected modern Holy Troublemaker.

### Part 1 – Amos

- Read Amos 2:4-3:10, 5:17-15, 9:9-15

### Reflection Questions:

- How would you summarize Amos’ message (based just on these passages) in 10 words or less?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Why is God going to punish Judah & Israel? What are their wrongdoings?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How do you think ancient Israelites felt hearing this message? How does the reading make you feel?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- The book of Amos focuses largely on God’s anger with Israel’s corruption, but that’s not the whole story. What hope for an alternative future does Amos end with?

## **Part 2 - Amanda Gorman**

- Go to [hydeparkchurch.org/gorman](https://hydeparkchurch.org/gorman) to view Amanda's page. Scroll down to "Pre-Retreat Learning" to find the materials. Use the links to learn about Amanda and her work. Then, respond to the questions below.

### **Reflection questions:**

- What surprises or intrigues you about Amanda's story?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What motivates her work? What is at stake, and why does it matter?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What impediments or challenges has she faced? How has she responded to those challenges?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How does Amanda's message reflect the Gospel?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What social justice issues do YOU feel strongly about?