

Pre-Retreat Learning - Anthony Ray Hinton

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 – Anthony Ray Hinton

• Go to hydeparkchurch.org/hinton to view Anthony's page. Scroll down to "Pre-Retreat Learning" to find the materials. Use the links to learn about Anthony and his work. Then, respond to the questions below.

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٠	What motivates his work? What is at stake, and why does it matter?
•	What impediments or challenges has he faced? How has he responded to those challenges?
•	How does Anthony's message and work on criminal justice reform reflect the Gospel?
•	What social justice issues do YOU feel strongly about?