

Discussion Questions for Zephaniah 3:14-20

To what extent is your spiritual state based on your emotions?

Is it right to tell other Christians to rejoice when they might not be feeling like rejoicing? What's the right way to do it? What's the wrong way?

Do you sometimes feel that your sin is greater than God's God's mercy? How do you deal with that?

Do you feel confident that "the LORD has taken away your punishment" (v15)? What stops you believing that? What difference can believing that make to your Christian walk?

Do you feel confident that the LORD "has turned back your enemy" (v15)? What stops you believing that? What difference can believing that make to your Christian walk?

Do you feel confident that "the LORD, the King of Israel, is with you" (v15)? What stops you believing that? What difference can believing that make to your Christian walk?

How easy is it to believe that God "will take great delight in you" and "will rejoice over you with singing" (v17)? What difference can that belief make to your Christian walk?

How can Zephaniah's words in 3:14-20 bring joy when we feel low, helpless or like a failure?