

Summer in THE MINORS

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What was the plumb line Israel was intended to line up with?

What is our plumb line today?

What can we learn about God from the book of Amos?

Prayer:

Father, you are holy and you are sovereign. Thank you for sending truth into our lives when we wander away from you. May we heed your words and return to you, no matter how far we've strayed. Help us remain close to you, following your word, and loving others well in your name. May we seek goodness in all things. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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