## LIFT YOUR EYES

## introduction to the prophets

The prophets teach us...

• To look <u>wide</u> to see that God is at work in <u>history</u>.

• To look <u>up</u> to see the infinite <u>holiness</u> of God.

• To look <u>inward</u> to see that <u>sin</u> is not just out there, but in our own hearts and lives.

• To look <u>forward</u> to the massive future <u>hope</u> that awaits us.

## further up, further in

- 1. As you think back to this summer, what are some ways you need to raise your eyes to see who God is and what He's doing? Why?
- 2. In your life, has there been a time when you could not see what God was doing at a wider scale until later on? How did you respond?
- 3. Read Habakkuk 1:1-6 and 3:17-19. What do you think moved Habakkuk from questioning God to trustful worship?
- 4. Consider the vision of God in Isaiah 6:1-5. How should God's holiness impact us? How should it change our perspective on our lives?
- 5. Read Ezekiel 22:28 and 13:13-16. What are some of the messages of false prophets today? How can we avoid them?
- 6. Read Malachi 1:6-8 and 1:11-14. What do we see about God's call upon our lives here? How are we tempted to give God our leftovers?
- 7. Read Joel 2:25, 2:30-32, and Zechariah 14:4-9. How do these visions of hope encourage you in your present situation? How does it encourage you to know that you are headed towards the hope of a glorious kingdom?

