

# FUTURE WHITE SHORES

## ZEPHANIAH 3:9-20

Look to the future shore where...

- God will UNIFY a remnant of the NATIONS to worship Him. 3:9-10
- God will HUMBLE and purify a remnant of Israel so that they will have no FEAR, but peace. 3:11-13
- We will have great JOY in our SALVATION. 3:14-17a
- God will have great JOY in US! 3:17b
- God will RESTORE His people, bringing them HOME. 3:18-20

# FURTHER UP. FURTHER IN

1. What in your life right now makes you feel like you're swimming in a fog? What is the white shore you need to fix in your mind?
2. Read Zephaniah 3:8-10. How is the shift from verse 8 to verses 9-10 abrupt? How do you think the original readers would have understood the nations in verses 9-10?
3. Reading through Zephaniah 3:9-20, how could this passage find fulfillment in Israel's restoration to the land after the exile? What in the passage is inadequately explained by this fulfillment?
4. Compare 3:11-13 to 3:1-4. Why is humility the virtue highlighted here? Why is humility important? How can we cultivate humility in our own lives?
5. Consider 3:14-17a. How can joy in God strengthen us? How can we find joy in God and our salvation when our hearts are heavy?
6. Read 3:17. How is this verse comforting to you with what's going on in your life right now?
7. In 3:18-20, how does God's strong declaration of his restoration of His people encourage you?
8. What about the distant shores is the thing that stands out to you the most? What do you need to keep in your mind's eye to have hope this week?