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**Date: October 22, 2017**

**Sermon Title: Minor Prophets With A Major Message**

**Speaker: Richard Smith**

**Scripture text(s): Various Scripture References**

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1. Which Minor Prophet are you most familiar with?
2. Richard gave two reasons why we should study the Minor Prophets.
  - a. We need to tremble at God's guaranteed judgment for unrepentant sin.
    - i. Richard said that most people in the church do not have a good idea of who God is. Why is that?
  - b. We need to marvel at God's outrageous mercy that restores returning sinners.
    - i. The Minor Prophets are not just about judgment. They're also about restoration after judgment. According to Hosea 6:1, what hope do we have?
3. The Minor Prophets teach us that Biblical teaching does not always produce growth or a positive response. Have you experienced this in your life? Explain.
4. Richard said that a false prophet says that God is so loving he is never angry with our sin. How is this message displayed in our culture?
5. If you want to be a voice for God you cannot live for the approval of man. People who speak for God will not be welcomed by the world. A true prophet will spend his life declaring God. What keeps us from having the courage of a prophet?
6. A Minor Prophet message is definitely counter-cultural and many Christians find themselves unable to stay relevant in a changing world. How can we be culturally aware without being culturally absorbed? How can believers be relevant? Or can they be relevant?
7. Richard talked about John Calvin and the influence he had on the Reformation. When you think about John Calvin, do you associate him with his 5 point's of Calvinism or do you think about the man who passionately taught and confronted the erroneous living of the religious leaders engaged in sexual immorality? Do you think about how he was persecuted yet persevered during the Reformation? What happened in his life that made him determined to teach and write about theological and doctrinal topics?

8. How can you apply today's message and live with Minor Prophet confidence?

### **Group Prayer Time:**

Have 1 – 2 people in your group pray through each part of the A.C.T.S. prayer acronym.

1. **Adoration** – How is God's character reflected in this week's passage? Let that revelation lead you to worship and adore God.
2. **Confess** – The Word of God exposes and uncovers sin. Respond to that conviction by agreeing with what God has said about your sin.
3. **Thanksgiving** – Where do you see God working? Thank God for his faithfulness in your life and the lives of others.
4. **Supplication** – God's Word helps us understand his purposes and plans. Ask God to give you the desires of his heart as you pray for your needs and the needs of others.

### **Pray for Missions:**

This week in your group prayer time, have someone pray for this mission's effort. Different missions will be highlighted every week.

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