

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



August 4, 2024

“Christianity: Are We In a Kodak Moment?” - Rev. Martha Slocombe, Guest Speaker

Texts Referenced: Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24 (CEB)

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. Consider the Kodak company's introduction of handheld cameras in the late 1880s and the evolution of photographic film and supplies into the 1950s-60s.
 - What are some of your most memorable photographic experiences?
 - Why is capturing a moment in time so important to us?

3. **Read Amos 1:1-2 - Kodak Moment 1: Amos' prophesy based on a vision**
 - Are there modern “prophesies” intended to warn about our actions and consequences?
 - What factors interfere with our acceptance and adherence to such warnings?

4. **Read Amos 5: 10-15 - Kodak Moment 2: Amos names the Israel's offenses**
 - How do you think the Israelites may have responded to being called out for injustices?
 - What current social and spiritual injustices are being called to our attention?
 - How would you assess our responses?

5. **Read Amos 5: 21-24 - Kodak Moment 3: God rejects Israel's worship**
 - Why do you think God places justice at the heart of acceptable worship and ministry?
 - In what ways can we at Hope ensure our worship and ministry are genuine and just?

6. How can we pray for you?