



## mkc 2011 – Obadiah Bible Study

### Introduce the Issues

- God hates pride.
- Here, in the shortest book in the Old Testament, God speaks through Obadiah to the Edomites. They are a proud people and it is this pride that will lead to their downfall. (Proverbs 16:18)
- The Edomites are the descendants of Esau. See Genesis 25:19-34 for background.

### Questions

1. What is the reason for Edom's pride (verses 2-3)?
2. Edom's pride showed itself in her aloofness (verses 10-14). What had she done and why was this so unacceptable? (Psalm 137 also depicts how Judah felt about what Edom did.)
3. What does God say about her downfall (verses 4-9)?
4. Verses 15-21 describe the day of the Lord. What will it be like for Edom and the nations? What will it be like for God's people?
5. Obadiah speaks the word of God (see verses 1, 4, 8, 18). What does this indicate about his prophecy and what does it tell us about the character of the God who speaks?
6. Why do you think there is no call for repentance in Obadiah, and no mention of mercy?
7. What do you think is the enduring lesson of this short book? (See 1 Corinthians 10:11-12)
8. What does God think about un-brotherliness (verse 10) and indifference (verse 12)? Edom reflects the outlook of Esau. What was that? (See Genesis 25:29-34)

### Think it Through

- Pride shows itself in confident self-assurance (verses 3-4).
- Pride shows itself in aloofness at the fall of a brother (verses 11-12). How may pride show itself similarly today?
- Humility is the enemy of pride (see Isaiah 66:2). What aspects of humility confront these forms of pride?

### Live it Out

- Pride has been humanity's problem since Adam. Pride wears many masks, all of them sinful.
- How can the following verses help you in your battle against pride? Proverbs 3:34; 16:19; 29:23; Daniel 4:37; 2 Timothy 3:2, 14-17; 1 Peter 5:5-7; Galatians 5:24-26.