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## The Prophets

Taught by  
Michael Woodcock, Ph.D.

Tuesday Evenings  
Sept. 27, Oct. 4, 11, 25  
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29  
(including two ministry  
engagements)  
6:45 - 9:15pm

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# The Prophets

This course will introduce the prophetic books of the Old Testament, with attention to the prophets' calling, message and ministry, their historical setting, and the formation of the books that bear their names. These writings occupy a crucial place within the Old Testament and in the grand sweep of scripture, as they bear witness to Israel's "death" and "resurrection." We will explore the essential contribution they make to our understanding of God's freedom, justice, commitment, passion, holiness, and steadfast love. Our study will yield some fresh discoveries of the prophets' urgent relevance for our lives and our world, including the areas of social justice, idolatry, spiritual integrity, and hope.

In our class meetings we will make use of both broad survey and more detailed investigation of key passages, as well as spiritual practices, discussion and reflection. We will also participate in two outside ministry experiences that implement some key parts of the prophets' message.

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**Michael Woodcock**, a graduate of Azusa Pacific University (B.A.) and Fuller Theological Seminary (M.Div.; PhD) enjoys discovering the riches of the Old Testament scriptures in company with his students. An ordained American Baptist minister, he is involved deeply in local church ministry, having served as the Pastor of First Baptist Church of North Hollywood for the past twenty-four years. His ministry emphasizes preaching, teaching, community outreach, worship arts, and spiritual formation in the growing, changing context of the NoHo Arts District.

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