



MICAH

WEEK 4 - DO JUSTLY, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY

OVERVIEW

Throughout the book of Micah, it is clear God is working to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted. For those who have lost sight of his purposes for the world and spread death, injustice, and brokenness in Israel, judgment awaits. For those downtrodden and oppressed, there is a hope of restoration. How then should we respond to this reality? Although it is tempting to think our proper response to this is an outpouring of religious actions, our right and proper response to God's ongoing faithfulness is to remember he is Lord over our entire lives, not just the part we have labeled our "religion." **The greatest offering we can make to God is a life lived in line with his intentions for the world.** Are we ready to make this offering in the way we live?

*No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Micah 6:1-8.

1. Have you ever pictured the scene in Micah 6 as a courtroom? How does this image affect your understanding of this passage? Or even other passages in scripture?
2. Read Hosea 6:6, Amos 5:22-24, Psalm 40:6-8, Micah 6:6-8. What is today's version of a "burnt offering"? What do we bring to the Lord that sometimes misses the mark?
3. Describe what it means to "do justly", "love mercy", and "walk humbly with your God".
4. If what the Lord requires of us is really as simple as Micah 6:8 says, why doesn't everyone live this way? Why do we make it more complicated?
5. Are you ready to live a life that is in line with God's intentions for the world? Which part of Micah 6:8 is most challenging for you?

RESOURCES

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