



WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

“Failed Leaders”

WEEK 3

MICAH SERIES OVERVIEW

Corrupt politicians. False prophets. Weak church leaders. These were major problems during Micah’s day, which resulted in idolatry, religious ritualism, and social injustice in both Israel and Judah. Through Micah, God brings a lawsuit against the people, declaring both his righteous judgment and future salvation.

BOOK OF MICAH OVERVIEW

Book of Micah Summary: A Co...

Micah at a Glance.pdf -resource by David Staggers.

CONTEXT: Micah 3:1-12

Micah 3 addresses the corruption of civil leaders in Israel who have forsaken justice and acted with evil intentions, leading to the suffering of God’s people. God, through Micah, declares judgement upon those leaders emphasizing the importance of righteous and just leadership.

SCRIPTURE: Micah 2:1-13

1 And I said: Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?—2 you who hate the good and love the evil, who tear the skin from off my people and their flesh from off their bones, 3 who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones in pieces and chop them up like meat in a pot, like flesh in a cauldron. 4 Then they will cry to the Lord, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil.

5 Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry “Peace” when they have something to eat, but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths. 6 Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; 7 the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. 8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin. 9 Hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel, who detest justice and make crooked all that is straight, 10 who build Zion with blood and Jerusalem with iniquity. 11 Its heads give judgment for a bribe; its priests teach for a price; its prophets practice divination for money; yet they lean on the Lord and say, “Is not the Lord in the midst of us? No disaster shall come upon us.” 12 Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

ICEBREAKER: If you could have a super power to help you lead people (at home, work or in your community), what would it be and why?



STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Chapter 13 and discuss what this chapter teaches us about God and who He is.

Micah uses the imagery of cannibalism to show the severity of the leader's actions. What was Micah's main accusation against the leaders of Israel in verses 1-4?

What is the role of civil leaders according to Deuteronomy 16:18?

Pastor James summarized what led to the downfall of the false prophets; 1. telling people what they wanted to hear and 2. speaking for selfish gain.

How are "false prophets" today like the prophets in this passage?

Read Matthew 7:15-20. Jesus warns us to beware of false prophets. How does He describe false prophets and how do we recognize them?

In the Church today, not everyone who claims to speak for God speaks for God. Using your sermon notes, discuss the 2 modern examples of false teachers Pastor James talked about in his sermon; Progressive Christian Pastors and Prosperity Gospel Preachers. What are the dangers?

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Deeper Community: How can we advocate for justice and show grace to those who lead in ungodly ways?

PRAYER

**For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, separate into a men's group and women's group or in couples.*

Pray for our community leaders.

- Pray that God would give them what they need to lead justly.
- Pray the Spirit of God would fall on our civil leaders.
- If they don't know Jesus, pray God will convict them of sin and open their eyes to need for Jesus.
- Pray they would do the job God has positioned them to do.
- Pray they serve by executing justice on His behalf.

Pray for our Crosspoint City Leaders.

- Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for our leaders.
- Pray the Spirit of God would continue to empower our Crosspoint leaders and all church leaders.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the truth, wisdom and guidance found in your Word. Help us Holy Spirit to advocate for truth and justice in our communities. God, we ask that you fill our leaders with your Spirit, empowering them to lead with integrity and righteousness. We pray in the power of your name Jesus, Amen.