



WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 1

ICEBREAKER: Share a time when you received a warning about something (e.g., a weather alert, a health warning, parent warning) and ignored it? How did it turn out?

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...**

Watch the overview video of Micah as a group to gain context and look ahead to our study leading up to Christmas.

SCRIPTURE: Micah 1:1-16

The word of the Lord that came to Micah of Moresheth in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, you peoples, all of you pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it and let the Lord God be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. 3 For behold, the Lord is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split open, like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.

5 All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah?

SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

Is it not Jerusalem? 6 Therefore I will make Samaria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards, and I will pour down her stones into the valley and uncover her foundations. 7 All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, all her wages shall be burned with fire, and all her idols I will lay waste, for from the fee of a prostitute she gathered them, and to the fee of a prostitute they shall return. 8 For this I will lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make lamentation like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches. 9 For her wound is incurable, and it has come to Judah; it has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.

10 Tell it not in Gath; weep not at all; in Beth-le-aphrah roll yourselves in the dust. 11 Pass on your way, inhabitants of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame; the inhabitants of Zaanan do not come out; the lamentation of Beth-ezel shall take away from you its standing place. 12 For the inhabitants of Maroth wait anxiously for good, because disaster has come down from the Lord to the gate of Jerusalem. 13 Harness the steeds to the chariots, inhabitants of Lachish; it was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion, for in you were found the transgressions of Israel. 14 Therefore you shall give parting gifts to Moresheth-gath the houses of Achzib shall be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel. 15 I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah; the glory of Israel shall come to Adullam. 16 Make yourselves bald and cut off your hair, for the children of your delight; make yourselves as bald as the eagle, for they shall go from you into exile.



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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 Micah 1:1-9 as a group.

What does this passage teach us about God and His love, judgment and redemption for His people?

What is a theophany, and how is it depicted in this passage (Micah 1:2-4)? Why were theophanies significant to the people of Micah's day and all generations before the birth of Jesus?

What parallels can we draw between the sins of Israel and Judah and those seen in our world today?

How does Micah 1:6-7 describe the consequences of idolatry?

What modern-day idols do people worship instead of God? What idol do you fight with the most?

How does Micah respond to the judgment he is prophesying (Micah 1:8-9)? What does it look like for us to lament and grieve with a broken heart instead of anger?

Share a situation where you felt God was warning you about something? How did you respond?

Deeper Community: Share with the group what sins of our nation and your own sins do you truly lament and grieve. (Please no comments but pray for each other)

PRAYER

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

Share praises, answered prayers and prayer requests especially involving our All To Him commitments last weekend. Pray over the request as a group.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Word and the message of warning and hope found in the book of Micah. Help us to heed Your warnings and turn away from any idols in our lives. May we be people who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Give us the courage to proclaim Your truth and the compassion to lament for those who are far from You. Guide us as we strive to live as forgiven people, extending Your grace to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

B.L.E.S.S. Update: Who's Your ONE?

Review the BLESS principles and ask if anyone has an update to share.

Begin with prayer

Listen to their story

Eat with them

Serve them

Share your story and the story of Jesus