

WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

“What God Requires”


WEEK 6

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 Stagers.

CONTEXT: Micah 6

In Micah 6:1-8, Micah tells Israel (and us) they must listen to the Lord's case against them, where He reminds them of His righteous acts and calls them to justice, kindness, and humility. True worship is not about offerings but about living justly and walking humbly with God.

SCRIPTURE: Micah 6:1-16

Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3 “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam

Micah 6 continued

the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.” 6 “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

9 The voice of the Lord cries to the city— and it is sound wisdom to fear your name: “Hear of the rod and of him who appointed it! 10 Can I forget any longer the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is accursed? 11 Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales and with a bag of deceitful weights? 12 Your rich men are full of violence; your inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. 13 Therefore I strike you with a grievous blow, making you desolate because of your sins. 14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied, and there shall be hunger within you; you shall put away, but not preserve, and what you preserve I will give to the sword. 15 You shall sow, but not reap; you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine. 16 For you have kept the statutes of Omri, and all the works of the house of Ahab; and you have walked in their counsels, that I may make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a hissing; so you shall bear the scorn of my people.”



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ICEBREAKER: Imagine you are in a courtroom as described in Micah 6. You must defend Israel's actions before God. What arguments would you use (be creative), and how do you think God would respond?

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 6:1-8 and discuss at least 2 things these verses teach us about God and who He is? (His character, attributes, etc)

Reflect on the historical acts of God mentioned in Micah 6:3-5. How do these acts demonstrate His faithfulness?

Read Micah 6:8 and discuss the following.

- Pastor Will defined “Do Justice” as *genuine concern, tangible action*, and *God’s standard*. Discuss justice and what do you need to change to seek justice that meets God’s standard?
- Pastor Will says to “Love Kindness” we have to *love loving, want to want to, and do it/no excuses*. How would you rate your kindness and what does it need to look like in your life?
- To “Walk Humbly” we must *acknowledge God, stay close to Him, live meekly*. Discuss what it means to walk humbly with God and what needs to change in your life to actually walk with God in humility?

Deeper Community: How can remembering God's faithfulness in the past help us trust Him in the present and future? What area in your life do you need to trust him completely?

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.

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, in times of judgment and hardship, help us to remember Your faithfulness and to act justly, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. May we find hope in Your promise of restoration and strive to live lives that reflect Your grace and mercy. 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