



Sermon Outline

Key verse

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, to Israel his sin.

Micah 3:8

God gives power to his people. How will we use it?

1. Expose falsehood

Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price, and her prophets tell fortunes for money.

Micah 3:11a

2. Proclaim the gospel

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

2 Timothy 1:7-8a

3. Serve others

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:28

FILLED WITH POWER

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

The prophet Micah boldly called out sin among his people in Israel and Judah. In chapter 3 he specifically targets leaders. He exposes their injustices and brings a word of judgement for their sin. Each of us have influence and power. The Lord wants us to show compassion for others, to act with justice, and seek first his kingdom.

Ice breakers

- Tell the Truth Activity: have each group member write two things about themselves. Should be a skill or an area of knowledge. (e.g. "I am an expert tree climber, I can name the entire Indians roster from 1995, I can speak Spanish, etc.) But, one of them is NOT true. Have the rest of the group try to identify which one is false.
- If you could choose a superpower, what would it be?
- What is the worst physical pain you have ever felt?

Dig Deeper

- How does Micah say power is being misused by Israel's leaders? (Micah 3:1-2, 5, 9-11)
- What is God going to do in response? (Micah 3:4,6-7)
- What does Micah do with the power he has? (Micah 3:8)
- Micah accuses the leaders of "hating what is good and loving what is evil." (v. 2) Compare that with Paul's encouragement to the believers in Rome (Romans 12:9). What would it look like in your life to "hate what is evil?"
- What injustices do you see in today's world?
- What is the Lord calling you to do about them?
- Read 2 Chronicles 28:22-25. Ahaz was King of Judah during Micah's prophecies. Which power did he turn to in times of trouble? What else strikes you from this passage?
- John shared three uses of power. Which one presents the biggest challenge for you?

Closing

Don't lose your zeal for Christ! Fan into flame the gift of God and passionately pursue the mission he has for you. *"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace."* (2 Tim 1:9)