



Sermon Outline

Key verse

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

1. God's case against Israel (Micah 6:1-5)

The Lord justly judges his people. Too often we forget the goodness of God in our lives, which leads to our rebellion.

2. God's requirements for proper worship (Micah 6:6-8)

In order to worship God correctly, we must walk with Him. From our relationship with God flows any ability to be just.

3. The Lord's judgement delivered (Micah 6:9-16)

God rightly punishes those who are unjust. Even in judgement, God's plans are being worked out for his glory and our good.

FINDING JUSTICE

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

In Micah chapter 6, God brings his case against the people of Israel. They have done wrong and have forgotten his goodness to them. God reminds them of what true worship looks like amidst his people's rebellion. To worship God correctly, we must love mercy (*hesed*) and act justly. The ability to do these things flows from a humble walk with the Lord.

Hesed: a sense of love and loyalty that inspires merciful and compassionate behavior toward another person

Ice breaker

- Micah's name has a special meaning (Who is like Yahweh?). Do any of your names have a special meaning behind them?

Dig Deeper

- In Micah 6, God reminds the people of his goodness to them (taking them out of Egypt, giving them leaders, etc.). What are some of God's blessings that you may take for granted?
- Why do you think humanity continues to turn from God, despite his goodness to us?
- What does it look like to "walk humbly with God"?
- We learned this morning that a humble walk with God is what allows us to act justly and to love mercy. Do you find this to be true in your life?
- God often sends his people trials. How do we stop ourselves from becoming bitter with God when trials come our way?
- As Christians, we are called to act justly. However, we live in a world that is full of injustice. How should Christians respond to injustice? Consider the life and teachings of Christ as you answer this question.

Closing

The Lord is calling us to be a people who are just. But to be just, we must love mercy. To love mercy, we must walk humbly with the Lord. This week, as you interact with a world that is unjust, make sure to draw near to the Lord each day. In him we find hope and rest, and from him flows our ability to be a shining light in a dark world.