



Sermon Outline

Key verses

All her idols will be broken to pieces; all her temple gifts will be burned with fire; I will destroy all her images.

Micah 1:7a

The prophecies of Micah reveal God's love for his people and God's disdain for sin.

Micah 1:1-7
Destruction proclaimed

Micah 1:8-16
Wailing and lament

Micah 2:1-11
Stuck in sin

Micah 2:12-13
Hope

I will surely gather all of you, Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. ¹³ The One who breaks open the way will go up before them.

Micah 2:12-13a

THE END OF IDOLATRY

DISCUSSION GUIDE
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Opening Thought

We are all worshipping something or someone. In the Bible, the Lord sent the prophet Micah to warn his people about their idolatry. The Lord calls us to complete loyalty to him. When we humble ourselves before him in repentance, he forgives us and lifts us up.

Ice breakers

- What is one of the most unique cities you have visited?
- What is your favorite book of the Bible?

Dig Deeper

- How would you define idolatry?
- What similarities are there between our culture and Micah's? Differences?
- What were the sins of Israel & Judah? (see Micah 1:5, 2:2)
- Read James 4:4-10. What should "adulterous people" who love idols do? How does God respond when we put him first?
- In Micah 1:10-15 the prophet uses puns to describe the impending destruction for several towns. What might his theme be for our region/ community? (feel free to get creative here. Maybe consider what would the warning sound like to Las Vegas? New Orleans, DC, etc.)
- Read Micah 2:13-14. What do these verses mean to you? How do they help you understand God's plan in the Old Testament?

Closing

The Word of God does not shy away from calling out sin. Sometimes the people of God need to hear about the destructive consequences of our wrongs. However, even in a book of prophetic judgement like Micah, there is hope. Ultimately, it is only through the work of Christ that we are able to escape the slavery of sin, love others, and walk humbly with the Lord.