



## LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 7th April 2024



### What does the Lord require of you? Part 1 Just living or living justly?: Micah 6

#### Warm Up

Have there been times when you felt that you have not received justice? Have you been treated unfairly? Have there been times when you felt others have avoided justice?

#### Background and context

Micah was an 8th century BC Prophet who spoke to the nation of Israel/Judah. Whilst life back then was very different from our technological society, it was remarkably similar in other ways. There was a threat of foreign powers invading the land. The rich had power over the poor and used it to exploit them. The worship of God had been replaced with worshipping false idols that enabled a lower standard of morality to flourish. People paid lip service to God or ignored Him completely.

Micah pronounces God's judgement on the nation but also provides hope of rescue and a new start.

#### Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

**READ Micah 6.** *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.*



1. **V1-3.** What is it that the Lord is asking Israel to do? What is God's question to Israel? Why do you think He asks it?
2. **V4-5.** What had God done to bless His people?
3. **V5-6.** Is God rejecting the sacrifices he asked people to give? What is the tone of this section? What does it reveal about worship?
4. **V8.** How does this verse reveal the problem God had with Israel's worship?
5. What do you understand by the word "Justice" or "act justly"?
6. **Scan through Exodus 21-22** and find examples of laws that promote MISHPAT. (God's justice to the vulnerable)
7. **Read Luke 10:25-37.** In what way is this a picture of God's justice?



8. Could God ask the same question about you as He did to Israel?
9. What must we do to make our worship genuine?
10. What is it we should do as a church and as individuals when we see injustice?
11. What stops us "acting justly"? How can we overcome it?

#### Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.