



***Life Group & Family
Discussion Guide***

“The Micah Mandate”

Micah 6:1-8

As we enter into a new year, what is God calling us to do? In Micah’s time (742-686 BC), there was a shocking contrast between the rich and poor. The middle class was exploited by the rich (Micah 2:1-5, 8-9) who were supported by Israel’s corrupt political and religious leaders (Micah 3). Because of this the whole nation became morally corrupt (Micah 6:9-16; 7:1-7). God then raised up Assyria as His rod of judgment against His sinful people (Isaiah 10:5-11).

In Micah 6, we see a people of God who are ungrateful and disobedient. God gently accuses His people of their disobedience and calls them to remember His mighty works of the past. He wants them to recall His past provision to help them on their present struggles.



DISCUSS WITH YOUR LIFE GROUP:

1. **Read Micah 6:1-8.** The scene is that of a courtroom where the LORD is the Judge and His people are the accused. God is charging His people for breaking covenant with Him and by showing ingratitude (see v. 3). How have you been unthankful to Him?

2. After gently confronting His people, God calls them to remember His mighty works. Spend some time reading the stories of God's deliverance in Exodus 13:17-14, Numbers 22-24, and Joshua 2-4. Why are these stories important for His people to remember?

3. **Read v. 6-7.** How does the worshipper respond? What would have been his appropriate attitude? How are we similar to the worshipper?

4. In verse 8, Micah gives us a mandate from God as to how we are to properly respond. What were the people in Micah's time doing that perpetrated injustice (see Micah 2:1-2, 8-9; 3:1-2, 9-11)?

5. When Micah says to love mercy, he is pointing out the attitude that drives the action. We are not merely to do justice but to delight in doing it. Describe a time in your life when you delighted in treating people with respect.

6. To walk humbly with our God means to be modest or prudent. Read Proverbs 12:16, 23; 14:15, 18; 15:5. What does prudence mean in these passages?



DISCUSS WITH YOUR FAMILY:

Micah 6:1-8 places two demands on us: 1) To remember the righteous acts of the LORD (v. 3-5) and 2) To make the proper response to God (v. 6-8). Discuss both demands with your family by doing the following:

1. Remember and reflect on the Exodus when God delivered His people from the hand of Pharaoh (Exodus 1-14; see 13:17-14). Discuss why remembering these incredible stories help us today in our faith.
2. Remember and reflect on the story of Balaam and Balak (See Numbers 22-24). Discuss how God shielded His people from receiving the dark arts in Moab.
3. Remember and reflect on the journey from Shittim to Gilgal (Joshua 2-4). Discuss why this story was important for the people in Micah's time to remember.
4. Discuss the Micah Mandate (v. 8) by answering the following questions. Make it relevant for your children by asking them to give specific examples.
 - What does it mean to do justice? Discuss some examples of doing justice.
 - What does it mean to love mercy? Why should this be the motivation behind doing acts of justice?
 - What does it mean to walk humbly with your God?

SERMON NOTES