

Getting To Know You

1. When you think of justice, what comes to mind? Who defines it?
2. What are some ways that compassion can and should be displayed? Explain.
3. D.L. Moody said, "A man does not get grace till he comes down to the ground, till he sees he needs grace. When a man stoops to the dust and acknowledges that he needs mercy, then it is that the Lord will give him grace." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. Duane Chapman said, "When mercy is shown—mercy is given". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Digging Deeper

1. Who is Micah? When did he live? Where was he from? Who was his primary audience? What was his message? What happens to Israel (ten northern tribes) during his prophetic ministry? What does Judah (two southern tribes) almost experience during the very end of Micah's ministry? What was the purpose of the book? What is the theme of the book?
2. What are some of the passages or texts that stand out in Micah? Which ones of them are future in nature? Which ones were fulfilled in Micah's lifetime?

Micah 6:8 is one of the most familiar verses in Micah, what does it say? This one verse describes and outlines God's expectations for us. As a nation, how are we doing? As a church, how are we doing? Individually, how are you doing?

Can you do justice apart from God's standard? Do we use a human definition or a divine one? Explain. Can you love mercy if you never experienced mercy? Explain. Can you walk humbly with God if you don't have a relationship with Him? Explain.

3. When confronting Israel, what was God's rebuke? When confronting Judah, what was God's rebuke? Where were their places of worship? What is going to happen to them? How does this tie into last week's message?
4. How wealthy and prosperous was Israel and Judah during this period? How were they able to achieve this? What was God's indictment on them? How are things similar to what we discussed last week in Amos?

What are some things that you can do to avoid falling into the same circumstances? Explain.

5. What does God say about the rulers and prophets? What are they doing? What should they be doing that they are not? How are they leading their people to destruction? How is God's law and design being perverted, manipulated, and twisted? What were they supposed to be doing? As shepherds how have they completely failed in their responsibilities? How are the people (their sheep) being taken care of? How is their spiritual health?

What are a leader's responsibilities? Are they to serve or be served by those they lead? Explain. If a shepherd is to be effective, what is required of them? What are the essentials?

Who are you responsible for? How do you treat them? What do you do for them? Is there anything that you are doing that resembles what the leaders in Israel and Judah were doing? Explain.

6. How is Jesus pictured in Micah? What is He going to do? How is He described? What is He going to establish? When will this take place? What is your understanding of this? Explain.

How is justice going to prevail? Will there be any injustice in God's kingdom? What is involved? How is this a return to God's original design? Explain.

Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?