

Great Story of God

The Great Requirement

Micah 3:1-8, 6:6-8

TALK IT OVER

Study Description

Micah was a citizen of Judah during a time of political unrest, injustice, and unfaithfulness toward the God of Israel. Caught up in idolatry and civil unrest, Micah brings a message of destruction and exile to the people of Judah, namely Jerusalem. However, even in a time of judgment and wrath from the same God who rescued the people from slavery, Micah shares a promise of restoration to the remnant of Israel and faithfulness even in moments of fallenness. A King will rise out of Bethlehem to bring righteousness and rule to the nations. There will come a day when out of the exile will come a people who will stream up to the mountain of the LORD, peace will flourish among the people, and God will be their King forevermore (Micah 4:1-5). In this, our hope is in the advent of the resurrected King, Jesus Christ to restore all things. This is the Great Story of our God.

Passages

“And I said: Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice? you who hate the good and love the evil, who tear the skin from off my people and their flesh from off their bones, who eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones in pieces and chop them up like meat in a pot, like flesh in a cauldron. Then they will cry to the Lord, but he will not answer them; he will hide his face from them at that time, because they have made their deeds evil. Thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who lead my people astray, who cry “Peace” when they have something to eat, but declare war against him who puts nothing into their mouths. Therefore it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God. But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the Lord, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.” – Micah 3:1-8 (ESV)

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? – Micah 6:6-8

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Share: (15 Min)

- Is there something from last weekend’s sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Head: (10 Min)

- Read Micah 3:1-8 and Micah 6:6-8 What is it that the Lord requires from His People?
- What do they think is His requirement?
- How are the people of God not doing what God truly desires? Where do you see this with Christians today?

Heart: (10 Min)

- How does Micah express his emotions or moral concerns in the passage?
- Is it possible for us to be just? How do we fail at this in comparison to the people of Judah?
- What do you think is the advent message in this part we read in Micah today?

Hands: (10 Min)

- In Micah 6:6-8, what practical actions does God desire from His people? How can we apply these principles in our lives today?
- How can we, as individuals or as a group, actively work against the injustice described in Micah’s prophecies?
- In what way can your actions match your words this week? Commit to following through on what you’re going to do this week with one another.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What’s something you’d like someone else to check in with you about this week?
5. Pray for one another.