

# 50+ Sunday School Class

All Saints Presbyterian Church  
Austin, TX

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# *Christ in the Minor Prophets*

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Winter-Spring 2020

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Class Schedule – Winter/Spring 2020

New Series – Christ in the Minor Prophets

- Jan 12 – 1: *Hosea* (14)
- Jan 19 – 2: *Joel* (3)
- Jan 26\* – Guest speaker: Rev. John Trapp. (9:15: Baptism Class)
- Feb 2 – 3: *Amos* (9)
- Feb 9\* – Guest speaker: Rev. Jordan Griesbeck
- Feb 16\* – Guest speaker: Daniel Wang
- Feb 23 – 4: *Obadiah* (1)
- Mar 1 – 5: *Jonah* (4)
- **Mar 8 – 6: *Micah* (7).** (9:15: Eucharist Class)
- Mar 15 – 7: *Nahum* (3)
- Mar 22\* – No Class (Spring Break)

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- Mar 29 – 8: *Habakkuk* (3)
- Apr 5\* – Guest speaker: Isaac Benegas
- Apr 12 – No Class (Easter)
- Apr 19 – 9: *Zephaniah* (3)
- Apr 26 – 10: *Haggai* (2)
- May 3\* – Guest speaker: Kim Hall
- May 10 – 11: *Zechariah* (14)
- May 17 – 12: *Malachi* (4)
- May 24 – Class Resumes in September

\* - Craig away/preaching

## *Christ in the Minor Prophets – Mar 8 - Micah*

- Question

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- World of Micah
  - Prophesied in latter part of 8<sup>th</sup> C. BC for over 30 years
- Foreign Threats
  - Israel's fall to Assyria in 722 BC
  - Attacks on Judah by armies of Sennacherib

# *Christ in the Minor Prophets – Mar 8 - Micah*

- Domestic Problems

- **Poor**

- Micah 2:1-2

- Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. <sup>2</sup> They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

- **Commerce**

- Micah 6:10-11

- Can I forget any longer the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is accursed? <sup>11</sup> Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales and with a bag of deceitful weights?

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- **Justice System**

Micah 3:1-3

Hear, you heads of Jacob and rulers of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know justice?—<sup>2</sup> you who hate the good and love the evil, who tear the skin from off my people and their flesh from off their bones, <sup>3</sup> 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.



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- **False Prophets**

Micah 3:5-7

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. <sup>6</sup> 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; <sup>7</sup> the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God.

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- Micah 3:9-11

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- **Coming Judgment**

Micah 3:12

Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the house a wooded height.

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- Call of Micah

- Prosecuting Attorney for God's Covenant Lawsuit

- Micah 6:1-5

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the **indictment** of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup> “O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

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- John Calvin

[The people] wish to discharge their duty towards God as a matter of necessity; but at the same time seek some fictitious modes of reconciliation, as though it were enough to flatter God, as though he could be pacified like a child with some frivolous trifles.

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- Leader-Shepherd
  - John 10:11  
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
  - John 10:16  
I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.
  - Hebrews 13:20  
... our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep ...

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- **King** – to lead and rule righteously (v13b)

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- Leader-King

- Micah 5:1-5

[M]uster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. <sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you **shall** come forth for me one who is to be **ruler** in Israel, whose coming forth is from **of old**, from **ancient** days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given **birth**; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and **shepherd** his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell **secure**, for now he shall be great to the **ends of the earth**. <sup>5</sup> And he shall be their **peace**.

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- Leader-King

- Matthew 2:4-6

[Herod] inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

- Psalm 98:9

[The Lord] comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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- Shorthand for the 10 Commandments
  - Love your neighbor (#5-10) – “Second Table”
  - Love God (#1-4) – “First Table”

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  - Matthew 23:23

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  - Mark 10:17

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

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- The Solution is the Same
  - Matthew 5:17  
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
  - Romans 5:19  
For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21  
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  - Romans 8:3-4

God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

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- Question:  
*What difference should this make on Monday?*



# Prayer Requests

# Next Week

- Mar 15 – Nahum