

Micah: When Preachers Lie

Study Guide

### Warming Up

Are there any areas of your life where you are procrastinating? You know something needs to be attended to, but you just ignore it. What potential consequences are you facing because of that?

Do you have a friend that is close enough to you to tell you the truth?

What were your parameters for finding a good church? Good kids ministry? Great music? Cool building? Programs that were fun and met my needs? The centrality of God's Word? Something else?

# **Digging Deeper**

In the days of Micah and in our day, it's easy to be drawn to a church that tells us what we want to hear or that is fun for our kids. What would you say are the most important qualities of a healthy church?

### Proverbs 4:18-19(NIV)

The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

19 But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

How do we stay close to the light?

In Micah's day everyone claimed god's **PROMISES** but ignored his **WARNINGS**. We all love to "claim the promises of God" but what are some of the warnings of God that we tend to ignore? (to help take a look at Proverbs 5; Romans 12; 2 Timothy 2:22-26; Ephesians 5:15-20; Matthew 12:36—you may have some of your own)

**Read Romans 8:1.** How do you explain times in our life where we feel condemned if this passage promises that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus?

# **Bringing it Home**

How do we keep from becoming spiritually dull?

Are there some areas of my life where I have moved the fault lines? Ignored the truth?

What are some ways that I can discern what is true with so much that comes at me in this world?

#### Pray for one another.