

Warming Up

Does your driving habit change when a police officer is behind you? Why? Do you clean your house differently depending on "who" is coming over? Why?

How is that similar to the way many of us follow/relate to God?

Digging Deeper

Read Micah 6:9-16. How is the "fear" of God a source of wisdom? What do you think it means to "heed the rod"?

What are the people doing wrong?

How does God's punishment fit the crime?

- a. Sinners reap what they sow?
- b. Sin afflicts undeserving victims?
- c. Evil triumphs, but only for a day?
- d. Others get the last laugh?
- e. God is just mean?
- f. What other thoughts might you suggest?

Read Micah 6:16 and I Kings 16:21-33. What "sins of Omri and Ahab" are God's people imitating?

Read Micah 7:7-20. How do you explain God's love for us if we are so steeped in sin? How does the message of Micah reveal the character of God? Does that help you as you build your personal relationship to God? How?

Bringing it Home

What attributes of God did you learn about in Micah?

What are some other things you have learned in our study of Micha?

Pray for one another.