

# God is Just & Merciful

## **LifeGroup Discussion Guide**

# **Opening Question:**

What's your initial reaction when you hear the phrase "What does God require of us"? Does it feel burdensome, exciting, or something else?

# **Key Takeaways:**

- 1. God desires hearts that reflect His character, not just empty rituals or religious activities.
- 2. The Lord requires us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him (Micah 6:8).
- 3. These requirements reflect God's own nature as just, merciful, and humble.
- 4. Jesus exemplified these qualities perfectly, especially through His sacrifice on the cross.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How does Micah 6:8 challenge or affirm your current understanding of what God wants from us?
- 2. The sermon mentions that we often focus on things that aren't about acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. What are some examples you've seen in your own life or in the church?
- 3. Discuss the meanings of justice (mishpat), mercy (chesed), and humility (hasne) as explained in the sermon. How do these definitions expand your understanding of each concept?

- 4. In what ways do you see Jesus demonstrating justice, mercy, and humility in His life and ministry?
- 5. The pastor suggests that living out Micah 6:8 happens through "ordinary and everyday decisions and moments." What might this look like in your daily life?
- 6. How can we as a group encourage each other to reflect God's heart of justice, mercy, and humility in our community?

## **Practical Applications:**

- 1. Justice: Identify someone in your life who is more vulnerable than you. How can you act on their behalf this week?
- 2. Mercy: Choose a person to whom you can extend undeserved kindness or forgiveness this week. Share your plan with the group.
- 3. Humility: Commit to praying daily, "Lord, give me the mind of Christ towards others today." Reflect on how this impacts your interactions.
- 4. As a group, brainstorm a simple act of justice, mercy, or humble service you could do together in your community.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Close by praying together, asking God to help each member live out the call to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. Pray for opportunities to reflect God's heart in your daily lives and for the strength to follow through on your practical applications.

