

## Series: Love Kindness

Guest Speaker Pastor Chris Manginelli (6/04/16)

### Introduction

The book of Micah is a siren call to God's covenant people to return to Him and to live lives that were centered around humility, mercy, and God's justice. This call was not a call to repentance or a warning of judgement... Ultimately God was reminding the people that He loved them! Micah's prophetic messages are all about God's loving kindness towards His people, both in the past and even today.

**Read: Jeremiah 27:16-19, Micah 6:1-8; 7:18.**

### Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Chris talked about being raised in household that taught him that God is love, and that He is for us. How does that differ from or reflect how you were raised?
2. Throughout the book of Micah, God is calling His covenant people to remember how He had been faithful to Israel thought it's existence, and to act with faithfulness in return. How can understanding God's faithfulness in the past strengthen our faith today?
3. Even when we turn away from God, He is faithful to us. How can understanding this affect our response when we are tempted to engage in sinful behavior?
4. God always understands you, even if others don't. Even when we don't understand our own lives, He does! How can knowing this help us to become fully devoted followers of Yeshua?
5. What are some practical ways we can put God's mercy (chesed) and justice into action?

### Moving Forward

Pastor Chris encouraged us to ask God how we can live lives that receive His kindness and also treat others the same. To accomplish this we must take the mercy He's shown to us and model it to others. Those who are far from God will be drawn to Him when we live lives that have been changed by His lovingkindness.

### Change Your Mind

(Matt. 10:38-40)

And whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me isn't worthy of Me. **39** He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

**40** "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. **41** He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a *tzaddik* in the name of a *tzaddik* shall receive a *tzaddik's* reward. **42** And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, amen I tell you, he shall never lose his reward."

