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# **About This Resource**

Where is true peace found?

How can I be joyful in all situations?

What does it mean to love God and love others?

Where is the hope in this chaotic world?

This Christmas we are going to look at the book of Micah and see what life is like before Jesus. In our world the definition of love, joy, peace and love are often twisted and tainted. This is all we know before Christ, but when Christ comes so does the real definition of love, joy, peace and hope. Join us this month as we look at what life is like before Jesus and after Jesus. The night before Jesus we can only imagine how things are going to be, but on Christmas morning we experience the reality.

#### Each session includes (60 - 75 minutes):

- Share Time: An opportunity for people to share where they saw God this week. (7 minutes)
- Connection Time: An activity to grow in relationship with each other. (8 minutes)
- Worship: Songs that speak the truth of the session. (10-15 minutes)
- **Teaching:** A video clip that dives into the chapter. (15-20 minutes)
- Scripture Memory: Tools to hide the word of God in your heart. (5-7 minutes)
- Simple Spiritual Conversation Starters: Questions that can easily transition to spiritual conversations (10-15 minutes)
- ❖ Biblical Prayer: Prompts to pray Scripture back to God (5 minutes)

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- Daily tools for personal growth and outreach
- Yearly conference information
- > Free curriculum



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# Lesson #3 Love

What you will need for this lesson:

Blindfolds and items for a maze

## Setup:

- Have the song videos and teaching videos pulled up on the computer.
- Prepare the tool for memorizing scripture.
- Put a list of past scriptures on the board to go over.
- Print a copy of the daily tools for each attendee.

Curriculum Note: As you walk through each daily tool, have your group write down who or when they could use that tool this week. This curriculum is a call and an expectation of action in this world. Let's equip, empower and encourage each other to live our lives 100% committed to Jesus every day.

# Welcome: (Includes Share Time and Fun Friday)

Start today by talking about walking. Ask things like, what's the farthest you have ever walked? How fast do you walk, where do you like to walk, how often do you walk?

At Full Send we love to celebrate what God is doing and that is why we want testimony time to be a part of every session. We believe that God has been moving throughout the week and want to celebrate with each other where we saw Him. Before we start talking about the book of Micah let's share what God has been doing in our lives this week! After a few people have shared praise God for His movement in your lives.

## Worship: (Includes Tune In Thursday)

Listening and singing to God is a great way to connect with Him and hear Biblical truths. Encourage your group to either listen or sing along, whatever is best for them. As they engage with each song there will be a few questions to unpack what they heard and experienced.

#### Love Came Down at Christmas by Sam Capshaw -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Lu1HgOtfic&list=RD4Lu1HgOtfic&start\_radio=1

What happened when love came down?

#### **Because of Bethlehem by Matthew West**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOGV5jcu2Oo&list=RDNOGV5jcu2Oo&start\_radio=1

What impact did what happened in Bethlehem have on the world?

Word: (Includes Scripture Sunday, Memorize Monday and Watch It Wednesday)

Before we listen to the message from Jeremy let's read Micah 6.

Today we are going to hear from Jeremy Van Genderen about the lack of love in the world before Jesus <a href="https://youtu.be/DOyGAEMZwcE">https://youtu.be/DOyGAEMZwcE</a>

Encourage people to take notes on the back of their sheet of daily tools as they listen to the teaching. Ask them what stood out to them from the teaching or the scripture.

Let's memorize Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Let's first listen to the verse

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsZDCMeNlOM

Today we will learn this verse by putting the first letter of each word on the board.

HHTY, OM, WIG; AWDTLROYBTDJ, ATLK, ATWHWYG

# Witness: (Includes Table Talk Tuesday)

Now that we have read and studied about love or lack thereof, challenge the group to answer the questions as they would. Then think about how others may answer the questions and how they can turn that into a spiritual conversation.

The questions of the day are: How would you define love? Who taught you that? Who has shown you the greatest love? What love has God shown to you? What love do you think God desires?

As we process these questions, we hope that each person is prepared and equipped to use these questions in normal everyday conversations throughout the week.

## Let's read Micah 6:6-7

Truth: God alone can bring true love. Without Him the love we share is missing something.

May this section be an encouragement to those who hear it, and may God fill them with the hope they can have in Jesus Christ.

# **Closing Prayer: (Includes Seek Him Saturday)**

Each week we want to teach people how to pray scripture back to God. Sometimes it is as easy as speaking the text and other times it is using the concepts of the passage to say what is going on in our lives. Let's finish our day by Pray Micah 6:9-12 and confess that the judgment and punishment of God is deserved.

Encourage the group to come back with stories of what God did this week and how He worked through these daily tools.

Scripture: Micah 6 Topic: Love

## **Scripture Sunday:**

Read Micah 6 and take note of what the Israelites thought they needed to do to show love to God and what God actually desires.

## Memorize Monday:

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsZDCMeNlOM

## Table Talk Tuesday:

Talk: How would you define love? Who taught you that? Who has shown you the greatest love? What love has God shown to you? What love do you think God desires?

Text: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" Micah 6:6-7

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## Watch it Wednesday:

Full Send Micah Love by Jeremy Van Genderen <a href="https://youtu.be/DOyGAEMZwcE">https://youtu.be/DOyGAEMZwcE</a>

#### Tune In Thursday:

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#### Fun Friday:

Bundle up today and go for a walk or a hike. As you enjoy the beauty of what God has created take a some time and talk about walking with God and walking well with each other.

#### Seek Him Saturday:

Pray Micah 6:9-12 and confess that the judgment and punishment of God is deserved.