



THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Aloha! We are glad you are here. Please visit the welcome table for more information.

Nursery and Kids' Church:

Sunday mornings - sign-in each child at the back table.

Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow - **Monday through Friday between 4 and 6 pm.**

For more information, flyers are at the welcome table or contact Michelle.

Special Thanks to Lisa Mabuni, Beth Martinez, and Pam McLean for helping Andrew with a special project.

Ways to Give:

- Online on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church

Giving January through June

- Budgeted - \$167,500
- Actual - \$191,863



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Micah

God's Judgement Always Starts With His Own

Big Idea: Micah prophesies about Israel's violation of covenant Law and God's faithfulness to the Abrahamic Covenant.

- Court is now in session:
- What the Judge requires:

So Micah, do we dare to hope?

- God's character
- God's promises

DIVING DEEPER

- 1:1 — superscription
- Chapters 1-2 — 1st oracle
 - Judgment; restoration
- Chapters 3-5 — 2nd oracle
 - Indictment; future hope
- Chapters 6-7 — 3rd oracle
 - Lawsuit; ultimate triumph
- 7:11-20 — movement toward this blessing

Some Scripture references and application questions toward a Biblical theology of justice:

EFCA Statement of Faith: Article 8 (Christian Living)

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. **God commands us to love Him supremely and sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed.** With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

- What does it mean "to live out our faith?"
- What is the church's responsibility towards the poor, aliens, and other disenfranchised persons?

Loving God and others:

We believe God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:37-39; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27). Just as Jesus "went around doing good" (Acts 10:38), so should we, loving not just our friends, but our enemies as well. In particular, we are to live our our faith with:

- **Care for one another** (Romans 12:10; 14:13; 15:7; Gal. 5:26; Eph. 4:32; 1 Thess. 3:12; 5:11,15; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Pet. 4:9)
- **Compassion toward the poor** (Deut. 15:11; Psalm 82:3-4; 140:12; Proverbs 14:21,31; 19:17; 22:9,16,22-23; 28:8; 29:7; 31:8-9; Jer. 22:16; Gal. 2:10; James 1:27)
- **Justice for the oppressed** (Ex. 23:6; Lev. 19:15; Psalm 82:3,4; 140:12; Proverbs 29:7; 31:9; Isaiah 1:17; Jer. 9:24; Micah 6:8; Zech. 7:9,10; Matt. 23:23; Luke 4:18)

These are strong biblical themes that have too often received little emphasis. This does not supplant or replace the gospel, but rather is one important aspect of the outworking of the gospel as we live out our faith in the world. This statement implies no particular political agenda. How we are to fulfill this biblical mandate must be worked out in fellowship with one another.

- What does this mean today?
- How will this be demonstrated in our lives?
- How will this be demonstrated in the life of the church?