

OT Prophets - Jonah & Micah

Main Point: God will judge all nations, but He will mercifully save a remnant through a coming King.

Large Group Intro Question - What kind of person is it difficult for you to love?

Small Group Question 1 - Read Micah 7:18-20. What aspect of God's character stands out to you in these verses? Why?

God's character leads Him to love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and faithfulness. God is eager to extend His grace to those who trust in Him. It is because of the character of God that we can be saved and become part of the people of God.

Small Group Question 2 - Read Micah 6:6-8. What does God want from you according to these verses? Give some specific examples of what that would look like in your life as a student in Kentucky.

God is not interested only in religious activity that is done for the sake of external righteousness. God wants us to be conformed to His good character. To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with Him. This has implications in your home, at school, at work, and at church. In everything we do, we should seek to live like Christ would in those situations.

Teaching Break

Small Group Question 3 - What sort of people might cause you to hesitate like Jonah before sharing the good news of Jesus? Why?

Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh because he hated the people of Nineveh. He did not want them to be saved. We may not explicitly describe our opinion of others in this negative way, but there are certainly people we would hesitate to take the message of God to. We should examine our hearts to understand why we may not be willing to speak the gospel to them.

Small Group Question 4 - How does the truth about God's character in Micah and Jonah challenge you to think about evangelism and missions as a student at Buck Run?

Jesus commands His disciples to go and make more disciples of all nations. God calls us to go not only to the people who look, think, and act like us, but also to people with whom we have little in common. Are you open to following the Lord wherever He would call you out of compassion for the people who need to hear the gospel? Would you go with Him to people here in Kentucky? Would you go with Him to a place like Fort Collins or Durango Colorado where we support church planters? Would you go with Him to a place like Panama, Romania, the Balkans or even further to call people to repentance?

Answer to Remember

2 Peter 1:21

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.