

Sunday, February 6, 2022 - "Ancient Prophets - Week 4 - Micah: How to Walk" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Micah 7:7-9, Micah 1:10, Micah 3:2-12, Micah 6:3-5, Micah 7:1-8, Matthew 10:34-36, Micah 6:8

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

#### Main Ideas

- Micah means who is like God?
  - He ministered to the southern kingdom...the people of Judah
  - Micah is telling people how to respond when the world is falling apart around them
- How are we to respond amidst a lost and broken culture?
- There is a theme of God's judgement/wrath AND his steadfast love running through the minor prophets
- Micah is calling out the sins of the people
  - Micah 3:2 - Religious leaders
  - Business people.. "land grabbers"
  - Micah 3:11 - Prophets who tell people what they want to hear, teach for a price and make money fortune telling
  - the people - They have forgotten who God is because he has done so much for them
- Things have been broken since Genesis...sin has wreaked havoc, it's bad but it's not new
- People of God have always been called to be a light
- Micah 7:1-8
  - Sin is pervasive...choosing to live the right way man put others against you (even friends and family)
  - Matthew 10:34-36
  - Evil hates truth and darkness hates light
  - If you are going to walk with Jesus faithfully, you will experience rejection
- How are we to respond
  - Internally (Micah 7:7-9)
    - Look to the Lord (eyes fixed on Him)
      - We often take matters into our own hands
      - Waiting expectantly (Isaiah 50:11 - let Him light the way)
    - Humble ourselves before God
      - Recognize our sin before Him
      - Knowing how much Grace He has extended
  - Externally (Micah 6)
    - Do justice
      - Not just like justice or be in favor of it
      - Working against injustice
    - Love kindness
      - Not because you have to, because you love to
      - Sometimes it is hardest in your own house
    - Walk humbly
      - Keeps us from thinking too highly of ourselves
      - We sometimes make justice more about us
- This is the kingdom way
  - You are the light of the world, made to point people to Jesus
  - We have an opportunity to radically impact our community

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. How has God called you to be a light in the midst of a broken world?
2. How has God lead you to humble yourself before him in the past?
3. How are you doing justice? Where is an opportunity for you to do justice in the future?
4. How have you seen someone else love kindness? How did it impact you and others?
5. In your own words, what does mean to walk humbly? Who are some of the people that God is asking you to point towards Jesus?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

**Mon: Proverbs 26 Tues: Proverbs 27 Wed: Proverbs 28 Thurs: Proverbs 29 Fri: Proverbs 30**

**Songs from the weekend: [Joy of the Lord - *Grace Worship*] - [Psalm 46 - *Shane and Shane*] - [Only Jesus - *Bethel Music*] - [Worthy of it All- *Bethel Music*]**