

# Group Questions- *Micah*: Week 3

11/26/23 – Pastor Kirby

## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- What is your favorite food around Thanksgiving?
- Desert island song. What is it (song and artist)?

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something that you learned, stood out, was interesting from this week's teaching?
- **READ:** Micah 6:1-8
- After calling the people to "order", God speaks to the people in verse 3. Read this passage in different translations. A bible app, such as YouVersion, is helpful if you need one.
- After reading this passage a few times, what emotions/thoughts/responses do you get from God here?
- Do you have an example or situation that you'd be willing talk about where you share the same emotion as God?
- Have you ever been on the receiving end of someone asking this type of question of you? How did you respond/feel etc?
- Verse 5 God wants the people to remember their story and experience together. Why did that matter?
- What role do memories play in your relationships? Any type of relationship.
- In verse 8 Micah tells the people to remember what God asks of them. When you hear or read this verse, what is your response?
- Find the song "**Entitlement**" by the group *Beautiful Eulogy* (3:34 in length) on youtube, spotify etc. (Note: You may need to broaden your musical appreciation here, it's ok, you can do it.) The lyrics are on the back of the page. Mark up (circle, underline, highlight etc) lines that stick out to you. When you're done, discuss the song and anything that stuck out to you.
- Pastor Kirby told the story of a couple getting engaged and the person proposing in a 'less than traditional way.' Make sure everyone is aware of the story, discuss how you would respond to such a proposal.
- What does this proposal say about our interactions with God

## *Application Questions:*

- We sing a song occasionally at LH called "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" sung by Pat Barrett. This week listen and reflect on this song over the week.
- "If what you see is all you see, then you will never see all there is to see" Christine Caine  
One of the most difficult works we can do, is self-work. Are you willing to do the work?  
Find people you trust and can be honest, or allow the holy spirit to convict you about these 2 questions...  
'What do my words and actions show to those around me?'  
'What's it like on the other side of me?'

## **Song: Entitlement**

**Group/Produced by: Beautiful Eulogy (3 artists Braille, Odd Thomas and Courtland Urbano)**

“Limited in mind, limited in body, ruler of our own domain  
Claim false authority, like we're the ones who rule and reign  
The mentality of the majority is more than metaphorically morphing into a misinformed form of who we were born to be  
Torn between, blind perception and divine reality  
Torn at the seams, our dreams are built on a faulty foundation of fallacy  
This will be our fatality, it's simply a formality  
See the casualties of war laid on the floor of the battle scene  
We worship how we feel, we don't worship who we should  
Yeah we got it bad, and if God calls it bad we call it good  
We covet what others have, grab whatever we can, whatever we want, we think it belongs in the palm of our hands, going along with a song and a dance. Worshipping idols to fulfill our entitlement issues  
Addicted to the feeling we get when we get what we want so we pick and we choose. Even the air we breathe is a gift we receive that we think we're entitled to  
Even the air we breathe is a gift we receive that we think we're entitled to  
They say you get what you deserve so we work hard to earn it  
Earn as much as we can to determine our self-worth and purpose  
Identified by what we buy, it's a sad state of affairs  
And when we die we lose it all and just lay there, naked and bare  
But none of this stuff can cover us, no it never was enough for us  
Nothing we can work for to obtain can wash away the stain  
The only thing we're entitled to is judgement for the lives we led  
There's nothing we can hide behind, in the end we need grace instead

We spend a lifetime trying to find love in anything and everything this life has to offer it's true  
And often times we trade the temporal satisfaction for the things the genuine believer is entitled to  
I'm convinced that it's because they don't understand that there exists an order  
Of benefits of redemption that's applied to his bride  
And the basis of his choice in election was for God alone to decide  
And it is not like an "invitation" that one might accept or reject, but rather its the effectual calling drawing to Himself His elect  
Regenerating and enabling us to respond in faith toward Christ  
Giving us the gift of repentance and revealing the nature of His sacrifice  
Binding us with a true intellectual realization of our sinful condition  
Converting us and turning us from our previous malicious disposition  
Ultimately leading to a legal declaration by God that we've been made right in his sight  
Justification being credited to us on the basis of the righteousness of Christ  
Adopted to be the children of God and grafted into fellowship  
Being bound together by the blood of Christ into a common membership  
Sanctified by the spirit given gradual growth in holiness  
Increasing in our thinking and behaving in a way that shows that were chosen  
And all the while being preserved and upheld according to his sovereign providence  
Giving us confidence that he will carry us to completion just like he promised.”

### Week 3: Micah

#### Micah 6

<sup>1</sup> Listen to what the Lord says:

“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;  
let the hills hear what you have to say.

<sup>2</sup> “Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation;  
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the Lord has a case against his people;  
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

<sup>3</sup> “My people, what have I done to you?  
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

<sup>4</sup> I brought you up out of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.  
I sent Moses to lead you,  
also Aaron and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup> My people, remember  
what Balak king of Moab plotted  
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.  
Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

<sup>6</sup> With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow down before the exalted God?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?  
Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

<sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

God’s goal was never 10%, the tithe is just a stepping stone to get us closer to total dependence surrender and trust in God.

#### Deuteronomy 6:5

<sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

#### 1 Samuel 15:22

<sup>22</sup> But Samuel replied:

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices  
as much as in obeying the Lord?

To obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

Hosea 6:6

<sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,  
and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Hosea 12:6

<sup>6</sup> But you must return to your God;  
maintain love and justice,  
and wait for your God always.

Micah 6:8 (NLT)

<sup>8</sup> No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,  
and this is what he requires of you:  
to do what is right, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.

Proverbs 4:23

<sup>23</sup> Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it.

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