



Week 1
10 - 16 October 2021

**SMALL GROUP WEEKLY
DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL**

“The day for building your walls will come,
the day for extending your boundaries” Micah 7:11

THE BOOK OF
MICAH

GOD'S OFFER of HOPE

Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation

Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

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Week 1

Our lives capture God's interest

BIBLE READING:

Sunday: Micah 1:1-4

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:



Song of worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVgmdzQCl6U>

Hymn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMCOyY0Rlus>



Reflection

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The opening verses of the book of Micah describe a mighty God moving from His dwelling place and making Himself demonstrably known on earth as He is stirred to correct the waywardness of humanity.

As humans, we are inclined to move our focus from a mighty God and fix our gaze on obstacles that appear as immovable mountains and dividing valleys. Micah reminds us that God flattens these obstacles; that the obstacles melt like wax in His presence or run away like water down a slope. 1 Peter 5:7 similarly reminds us to cast our burdens on Jesus who cares for us. Psalm 8 expresses wonder that God is mindful of us and cares for us. These and other verses run a golden thread through Scripture of God reaching out towards us in love. If only we could love ourselves as God loves us! If only we could remain convicted that the life we live captures God's interest.

One task that confronts every person in life is to challenge and reject the practice of defining ourselves by what we aren't. The greatest obstacle to the spiritual life is self-rejection since it contradicts the voice of God. Our waywardness, weakness and false notions rise as mountains that block or separate us like valleys from living the life God has planned for us. But God is stirred by our plight to address these obstacles that attempt to negate the core truth of our belovedness spoken to us and over us by Almighty God our Father.

God's voice says we were and are God's creation - brought into existence by Divine plan. As a deliberate creative choice of God, we can be assured that God wants us to live a full life and will therefore provide opportunities for us to become who we are meant to be. God's voice declares an everlasting love for us – a love that lasts in eternity. God is at work in the heart of every human being drawing each to himself as he addresses the obstacles that block our vision of an Almighty God and strip our lives of value.

What an amazing love!



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. List the voices that have been prominent in defining your being?
2. Which of these voices have defined you in negative terms? What did such voices say about you? Do you think they have become obstacles to your vision of an Almighty God?
3. Give thanks and celebrate those voices which are simply echoes of God's voice declaring you as a deliberate and valued act of God who loves you and has chosen you to be?
4. Pray to once again hear God's voice speak to you declaring you are His creation, that you are loved by Him, that you still capture God's interest.

DAILY BIBLE READING:



MONDAY: GEN 3:8-12, 21

Memory verse: "The Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?'" (Gen 3:9)

Prayer: Father, thank you for a love that searches for us even in our waywardness. **Amen**

TUESDAY: PSALM 139:1-16

Memory verse: "My frame was not hidden from You" (Psalm 139:15)

Prayer: Father, you know me better than I know myself, and in that knowing You chose to respond in love. Help me to respond to Your great love. **Amen.**

WEDNESDAY: PSALM 23

Memory verse: “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.”
(Psalm 23:4)

Prayer: Father, for the comfort of your presence even in my times of great darkness, I give thanks. **Amen**

THURSDAY: I KINGS 19:1-10

Memory verse: “All at once an angel touched him and said, ‘Get up and eat.’” (I Kings 19:5)

Prayer: Father, thank you for caring for me in those times when life has left me weak and exhausted. **Amen**

FRIDAY: JOHN 5:1-8

Memory verse: “Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’” (John 5:6)

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for your healing care that causes your eyes to see my need when the eyes of others don’t. **Amen**

SATURDAY: PSALM 8

Memory verse: “What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?”
(Psalm 8:4)

Prayer: Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! **Amen**



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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Sunday 10 October

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: Micah 1:1-4

Allow children/teens to read out loud for the family.

Activity/Family Moment:

Did you know that the name Micah is a shortened name for Micaiah (or Michael) which means “Who is like God?” Discuss what you think is like God and what God is like.

Discuss what your names mean.

As God knows us by name what does it feel like if you put yourself into this scripture passage?