



Week 6
14 - 20 November 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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BIBLE READING:

Sunday: Micah 6:1-8

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:



I surrender - Hillsong

<https://youtu.be/mpcQjpatyA>



Reflection

by **Thabang January**

The book of Micah is a short but powerful prophecy predicting the fall of Jerusalem and Samaria and offering hope that a “remnant of Jacob” (Micah 5:7) will later be restored. In chapter 6, God reminds His people of how He has cared for them in the past. Verse 3 through 5 God is stating his case against Israel; his people that have turned their back against him even after he has done great things for them. God details the journey he has undertaken with them, how he redeemed them, how he provided leadership for them, how he has always been omnipresent.

And in verses 6 and 7 the Prophet Micah pleads with the Lord and his words shows the desperation that God’s people feel to return to Him. He goes so far as to suggest sacrificing his own child. But he immediately follows that statement with the verse that details the Lord’s expectation from his people. Micah reminds himself that God has already shown

the way, and it's quite simple: **TO ACT JUSTLY AND TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.** Micah is not talking about what God suggests or wishes but what He requires.

God requires the same from us, **TO ACT JUSTLY, TO LOVE MERCY AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.** Commenting on Micah 6:8, Bruce Dahlberg writes: *"To walk humbly with your God signifies not personal piety in any narrow sense, but obedience to whatever God requires or commands."*

This is who God really wants us to be; people who always act justly in all circumstances; people who always love mercy and goodness in all circumstances and people who walk humbly with Him like a child, walking faithfully, walking with a father - putting all trust in the father. When we walk humbly with our God, then we will automatically do the right thing because God will lead us only to do right. We need to remember that God created us in his own image and likeness.

The world becomes a good place when we act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. The world becomes less evil and moves to being a better place for all.

The foundation to achieving who God really want us to be is to Love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and with all our strength and love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. How often do you reflect on what God has done for you and your family? Describe it in a few sentences.
2. How will your world change if you **ACTED JUSTLY** and **LOVED MERCY**?
3. Would you say you are walking humbly with God? What do you base your answer on?
4. Have you given your life to Jesus? Has this changed you in any way?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

MONDAY: Deuteronomy 32:4

Memory verse: *"God is faithful and just, he does no wrong."*

Prayer: Gracious loving and just God, teach us to always act justly.

TUESDAY: Hebrew 4:16

Memory verse: *"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence."*

Prayer: Thank you Lord for giving us confidence to approach your throne of grace.

WEDNESDAY: John 15:4

Memory Verse: *"Remain in me and I will remain in you."*



Prayer: Heavenly Father, remain in me and help me to faithfully remain in you all the days of my life.

THURSDAY: Mark 12:29-30

Memory verse: *"Love the Lord your God and your neighbour."*

Prayer: Gracious loving God, please help me love you with my all and help me love your people.

FRIDAY: Jeremiah 31:3

Memory verse: *"God has loved us with an everlasting love."*

Prayer: Thank you Lord for your everlasting love, may I always remember you love me.

SATURDAY: Isaiah 41:10

Memory Verse: "Fear not, for I am with you."

Prayer: Thank you Lord for always assuring me of your presence and taking away my fears.



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

Scripture Reading: James 2:8-13 *International Children's Bible*

⁸ One law rule over all other laws. This royal law is found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." If you obey this law, then you are doing right. ⁹ But if you are treating one person as if he were more important than another, then you are sinning. That royal law proves that you are guilty of breaking God's law. ¹⁰ A person might follow all of God's law. But if he fails to obey even one command, he is guilty of breaking all the commands in that law. ¹¹ God said, "You must not be guilty of adultery." The same God also said, "You must not murder anyone." So if you do not take part in adultery, but you murder someone, then you are guilty of breaking all of God's law. ¹² You will be judged by the law that makes people free. You should remember this in everything you say and do. ¹³ Yes, you must show mercy to others, or God will not show mercy to you when he judges you. But the person who shows mercy can stand without fear when he is judged

Activity/Family Moment:

Watch the following video: Be Yourself | A Sunday School lesson about being who God made you to be – Douglas talks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qliMWBjWWTM>

Halloween has just passed. Some of us like to dress up and go around our neighbourhood and get sweeties or maybe have a dress up party. If you dressed up,

- What did you dress up as?
- Why did you decide on that?
- If you have been to a fancy-dress party talk about what you dressed up as.
- Did you have to pretend to be that character? It can be lots of fun but also a lot of work!

God made you perfect just the way you are. We don't need to pretend to be perfect, we don't need to pretend to be anything. Talk about the things that make you different. Maybe its wiggling your ears or being able to touch your nose with your tongue. Are you proud to have those quirks why or why not?

It can be difficult to show the world who you really are because we just want to fit in. But remember David. He felt that what God thought of him was more important than what others thought or said. If he can, so can you!