

Reflection Questions: Micah 6:8
For the message, "Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly" given by Pastor John Ferguson
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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures
by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life.
You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion.
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INTRODUCTION

Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon Scripture, and then read Micah 6:1-8

- 1** Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.
- 3** "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! **4** For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, **5** O my people...that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."
- 6** "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? **7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?**

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- What does this text teach us about God and his character? About human nature, character, & behavior?
- In Micah's day, his people's prevailing concern was to "throw-God-a-bone" so they could get back to doing what they loved to do (vs. 6-7; compare with Micah's charge in 3:2 that they "loved evil and hated good"). What do you think are some ways that people try to "throw-God-a-bone" today?
- How does this text clarify what God wants to do in your life? How would you answer the question, "What kind of me is God calling me to be?" What kind of lifestyle / character is this passage inviting me to embody? What might that look like?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- How does this ancient text help us as a community of faith better understand how God wants us to see our city in which he has called us to live and move and be truly human? In other words, what kind of community is this text calling us to become for the sake of Bryan / College Station?
- What is the cost if we are not transformed by this text? In other words, what is lost if we ignore the message about what it means to be (1) human, and (2) followers of Jesus? What if everyone ignored it?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- How does this text serve as Good News for those outside the faith? What kind of new life / future in Christ is this text calling our city to experience?
- How would Bryan/College Station look radically different if everybody did what Jesus describes in this passage?

CONCLUSION QUESTION

What is the one thing you want to take away from this study to remember or to make a change in your life?