

JUSTICE & MERCY

THE REVELATION OF GOD THROUGH THE PROPHET MICAH

Judgement Pronounced

Community Group Discussion Guide

In the Old Testament, the Lord spoke through his prophets. These were people of God that spoke the truths of God on his behalf. As this truth is revealed to the nations of Israel and Judah, they learn about the heart of God for justice and mercy. Through this revelation from the prophet Micah, the people have a choice as to how they will respond to the words of the Lord.

STARTER

As we approached the opening chapters in the book of Micah this week, we read firsthand the wrath and judgment of God on the nation and people of Israel. The wrath and judgement of God is not something that is talked about as frequently in today's churches. Why do you believe that is? How do you strike a proper balance of preaching the justice of God and the grace of God in today's culture?

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURE

In smaller group of 2-4 people, please read Micah 2 and answer these questions:

What specific sins are the people of Israel being called out for?

How does the Lord go about bringing justice upon the people?

How does the Lord promise that he will keep his covenant promises?

MAKING IT REAL

A.W. Tozer once wrote, "It is because of the hasty and superficial conversation with God that the sense of sin is so weak and that no motives have power to help you to hate and flee from sin as you should." How have you seen this quote to be true?

What must a Christian do to gain a proper understanding of their own sin?

What does it look like to put specific sins to death in our lives? (If you need help with this discussion, please look at Colossians 3:5-11 and Romans 8:12-17.)

PRAYER

For this session, please take time to pray as the Spirit would lead you. If you need to pray for specific sins to be put to death, do that. Or if you need to pray over people in your group, do that. Please pray in accordance with where the discussion takes you.