

The 12: Micah Part One

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Micah was passionate about the sinful actions of Israel's most powerful

We all have some amount of power.

Read and discuss Micah 3:9-12(NIV)

⁹ *Hear this, you leaders of Jacob,
you rulers of Israel,
who despise justice*

and distort all that is right;

¹⁰ *who build Zion with bloodshed,
and Jerusalem with wickedness.*

¹¹ *Her leaders judge for a bribe,
her priests teach for a price,*

*What do these verses say about power and leadership?

*Why is power complicated?

*and her prophets tell fortunes for money.
Yet they look for the Lord's support and say,
"Is not the Lord among us?
No disaster will come upon us."*

¹² *Therefore because of you,
Zion will be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble,
the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.*

Power can change us

Micah's message is relevant to all of us.

*When do you find yourself becoming protective and selfish with the power you have?

*In what ways do we get power, healthily and unhealthily?

*How can we work to use our power for kingdom building rather than self-building?

Jesus is the only perfect example for how to manage power

The one with the most power abandoned it.

Read and discuss John 13:NIV)

³ *Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;* ⁴ *so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.* ⁵ *After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

⁶ *He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"*

⁷ *Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."*

⁸ *"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."*

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

⁹ *"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"*

¹² *When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.* ¹³ *"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.* ¹⁴ *Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.* ¹⁵ *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.* ¹⁶ *Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.* ¹⁷ *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

*What do these verses say about Jesus' leadership?

*How does Micah's message and Jesus' example provide a challenge to you?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)

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