The 12: Micah Part Three

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

Some of what Micah says is a summary of everything the Prophets have been telling God's people

*What is something that you have seen so far in the Minor Prophets series?

Grace, mercy, and love from God are free gifts. Purpose and the Kingdom of God are projects.

As believers, we sometime struggle with getting these flipped.

God never intended to wave a magic wand to make us loving and just.

Read and discuss Micah 6:6-8(NIV)

⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? 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 thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,

*What do these verses say about God? About people?

the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Read and discuss Micah 7:18-20(NIV)

18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.

Our purposelessness and dissatisfaction are not related to a deficit of His love. It is more likely related to our lack of engagement in justice, mercy, and humility.

His dream is what we really want – a life of purpose, a community of justice and mercy, where everyone is looked after.

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)

Song for reflection

Sower by Scott Erickson
Offertory by Future:Past

^{*}How have the Prophets been a mirror to you?

^{*}How have you seen these statements to be true?

^{*}When have you wanted purpose and the Kingdom to be gifts?

^{*}Have you experienced frustration by treating the gift like a project and the project like a gift?

^{*}How are justice, mercy, and humility volitional?

¹⁹ You will again have compassion on us;

^{*}What does Micah show us about the character of God in these verses?

^{*}How do these words remind us of the gift He has given?

^{*}How are you engaged in the project of the Kingdom?

^{*}Think about and/or share how you are or being called to do justice, give mercy, and slow down to walk humbly with God.