

XXXIX

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leader Conversation Guide – XXXIX: Micah

Main Idea

Throughout the book of Micah, we see a powerful picture of God as both a righteous Judge and a merciful Savior. Like a courtroom scene, God lays out His case against His people—calling out injustice, dishonesty, and empty religion. Yet at the heart of His message isn't just correction, but a deep desire to restore. God reminds His people of His faithfulness and confronts the ways they've drifted, not to condemn them, but to call them back.

In Micah 6, we see that God's requirements are not complicated rituals or impossible standards, but a transformed life: to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Him. This week's message reminds us that even in the middle of brokenness—personally or culturally—God invites us to respond with personal commitment. As we begin our discussion, let's open our hearts to what God may be addressing in us and how we can reflect His justice, mercy, and humility in our everyday lives.

**He has shown you, O man, 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. MICAH 6:8**

Make it Practical:

God calls out injustice and empty religion. (Micah 2:2; Micah 3:5; Micah 6:10-12)

- God confronts dishonesty, exploitation, and spiritual hypocrisy.
- Faith isn't just what we say—it's how we live.

God desires transformation, not performance. (Micah 6:6-8)

- God isn't impressed by outward sacrifice without inward change.
- He calls us to live with justice, mercy, and humility.

Respond with personal commitment and trust in God's mercy. (Micah 7:7-9, 18-20)

- Even in failure or brokenness, we choose to turn back to God.
- God delights in showing mercy and remains faithful to forgive.

Talk About It

- Why do you think it's easy to drift into "empty religion" instead of a genuine relationship with God?
- Which of the three—justice, mercy, or humility—do you find most challenging to live out right now, and why?
- How can taking personal responsibility for your faith impact the people and environment around you?

God isn't looking for perfection or performance. God is looking for hearts that reflect His character through justice, mercy, and humility.

Prayer

God, thank You for showing us what is good and for being both just and merciful. Help us not to settle for empty religion, but to live lives that truly reflect Your heart. Teach us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with You in every area of our lives. Give us the courage to take responsibility and follow You faithfully, no matter what is happening around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

Next Steps

Identify one area of your life where you need to practice justice, mercy, or humility, and take a specific action this week.

Spend time reflecting on Micah 6:8 each day and ask God to shape your heart around it.

Choose to respond to a current struggle or failure by turning to God in trust, remembering that He delights in showing mercy.