

Series: Before Bethlehem
Sermon: The God Who Redeems
Speaker: Live at every campus

Daily Readings

Monday: Micah 6
Tuesday: Micah 7
Wednesday: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Thursday: Matthew 12:15-21, Isaiah 42:1-4
Friday: Philippians 2:1-11
Saturday: Luke 1:39-56

Discussion Questions

1. Have someone in your group give a brief recap of Sunday's message, highlighting the primary Scripture points and the main idea of the message. *If members of your group attend different campuses, be sure to discuss the message from each campus.*
2. Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you this week? Did you learn anything new about God or yourself this week?
3. Micah lived in a culture described as divided, unfaithful, corrupt, and untrusting. Where do you feel those dynamics in our world today, and what does it look like to respond as God's people?
4. Why do you think God emphasizes justice, mercy, and humility over ritual or performance? Which of these three—justice, mercy, humility—is hardest for you to practice?
5. Jesus perfectly embodies justice, mercy, and humility? When you look at Jesus' ministry, which example of His justice/mercy/humility encourages you most?
6. If the "gift" God wants most is your heart and your life, what might that look like for you in this season?
7. What action step do you need to take in response to this week's message? How can your group hold you accountable to this step?

Action Step

- Encourage someone's faithfulness this week. Write a note or message affirming someone who embodies Micah 6:8.
- Take time to surrender an area where you've been trying to negotiate, perform, or control for God. Pray: "God, you don't want my rituals - you want my life. This part of my life is Yours."
- Give back what God gave you. Ask God: "Where can the life of Jesus in me bless someone else this Christmas?" Then do something tangible. Deliver a meal or a gift to someone, spend time visiting with a neighbor, send encouragement to someone, offer forgiveness, etc.