

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Micah - Part 1

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Introduction

Justice, kindness and humility are qualities we all want - not only to see happening in the world, but also to have within us. As God's people, we are called to make a conscious effort to stand in the gap of injustice, to let kindness become our strength, and to have radical obedience as the result of our humility in walking with God. The world that we live in may steer us away from justice, kindness and humility (and it is important to repent when we do get side-tracked). From the book of Micah, we can understand and learn to develop these acts and qualities in us, becoming Jesus-with-skin-on in our community.

Read

Micah 6:8

Discuss

1. What does it look like for you to “do justice”? “Love kindness”? “Walk humbly with God”? (ESV)
2. Justice is not something that just happens. We need to go out of our way to do justice. Why do we want justice but we don't always do justice? When have you seen/experienced/practised justice?
3. Doing kindness does not mean loving kindness. Have you experienced the difference between the two? Why do you think that kindness can sometimes be perceived as weakness in our world today?
4. Loving kindness enables us to do kindness to those who live differently than us. How do you think the world is doing in this matter? How can we be counter-cultural in loving and doing kindness?
5. Walking humbly with God enables us to be obedient to Him. Why do we need to be in a posture of humility to be obedient to God? Can we be obedient without it?

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6. What are some things that usually hinder us from being obedient to God? How do we overcome those hindrances?

Respond

To work on these three, “do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God”, we need gracious authenticity. We have to acknowledge that we do not have it all together yet, and that we need to cling to Him and allow Him to work in us. When we let God fill us, justice, kindness and humility will come out of the overflow. How are you going to let God fill you? Where can you put into practice justice, kindness and humility that is from Him?