

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Micah - Part 2

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Introduction

Micah was a prophet sent by God to call the people of Israel back to Him, and to warn them that the pathway they were on would lead them into some very tough times if they continued in their way. Similarly, God gives us fair warning when we start down a path away from Him, with opportunity for us to turn around and come back to Him. We must be willing to turn around, or we too will face the consequences of our own choices.

Read

Micah 7:1-6; 18-19.

Discuss

1. Micah warns the people that they need to change their ways. How has God warned you of the need for change in your life? Were you willing to listen?
2. To be convicted of our sinful behaviour we need to be willing to listen to God. What can prevent us from this? What helps us to be more attentive to the voice of God?
3. God will often use the Holy Spirit to convict us when we are in the wrong. Is this your experience? Share.
4. It is one thing to be convicted, but another thing to act upon this and have genuine remorse (contrition) for our behaviour. Sometimes we need to face the consequences of our actions to fully feel the weight of this. Discuss.
5. Read 1 John 1:9. What does this verse say to you? Why can this be so difficult for us to do? What is the consequence when we genuinely repent?

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6. The final step in repentance is a change in our behaviour away from what we were doing that was not of God. What can help with making changes to long term negative patterns in our lives? What can prevent us from making necessary changes?

Respond

We all have areas in our lives that God would like to partner with us to change. To grow as disciples, we need to be willing to listen to the Holy Spirit regarding areas of our lives that are out of line with God. We also need to be willing to confess these issues to God and to make the necessary long-term changes, so we do not fall back into the same trap again. What is one area of your life that God is wanting you to change today? Take a moment to genuinely confess this sin to God, and commit to God that you will make the necessary changes.