

LIFEGROUPS

BIG GOD — Micah 6:1-8

Read Micah 6:1

1. Have you ever been accused of something? Were you innocent or guilty? How did you feel? What's the difference in your attitude in the face of accusation if you are innocent or if you are guilty?
2. God is our judge. What are your thoughts and feelings about that?

Read Micah 6:2-5

God asks what he has done wrong to the people to receive such treatment. He lists four examples: 1) being set free from Egypt, 2) sending Moses, Aaron and Miriam to lead them, 3) Balak & Balaam, 4) Shittim and Gilgal

3. What does God demonstrate about his character and relationship with Israel through each of these examples? (a little context about each of these events are in the leaders notes)

Read Micah 6:6-7

This is the people's response to God's indictment.

4. Have you ever tried to bargain, or make a plea deal with God?
5. Verse 6b, challenges the religion of going through the motions - doing "Christian" activities, but being empty in the heart. Do you ever struggle with this? How do you overcome that?
6. Verse 7a challenges following God by showing off. Do people do things to earn the praise of people instead of God? Do you ever struggle with it? How about in church?
7. Why doesn't God want any of these things in verse 6-7

Read Micah 6:8

8. What's different about verse 8 compared to verses 6-7

LEADER'S NOTES

These notes are here as guidelines or commentary notes to help the leader.

Our theme for 2015, focuses on Micah 6:8, but it's important and fascinating to look a little at the context. This study focuses on Micah 6, and God's indictment against the Israelites.

God begins by talking about the ways he has demonstrated his character and relationship and covenant to the Israelites.

1. He delivered them from slavery in Egypt.
2. He provided Moses, Aaron and Miriam to lead them.
3. The story of Balak & Balaam occurs in Numbers 22-24. Balak asks Balaam to curse the Israelites, but each time Balaam, under God's instruction Balaam blesses the Israelites instead of cursing them.
4. The people crossed the Jordan river from Shittim to Gilgal in Joshua 2-4.