

MINOR PROPHETS

Discussion Questions

Read Micah 3:1-4:7

Micah chapter three begins the second cycle of God's judgement on the sins of His people. Specifically, what two groups of people does it judge and what sins were they committing?

God's Word through Micah judges the sins of the rulers and prophets of Judah, sins that may have been cultural blind spots for them because that was just how leaders acted in that part of the world and at that time in history. What sins are cultural blind spots for your culture, your generation, and you specifically?

Do you struggle to accept the Bible's teaching in any specific areas? Human sexuality and gender roles are two big ones for our culture today. How do you deal with the Bible's teaching on those topics?

Steve mentioned greed as a sin that many of us in Canada are guilty of without even noticing. Do you think that's true? Why or why not?

What are some steps you can take to evaluate your cultural blindspots regarding sin and live more in line with God's Word? How can we help you?

The amazing thing about God's Word is that it isn't just a list of rules but that it is living and active and able to pierce our hearts and change us (Hebrews 4:12-13). God even used Micah's prophesy about destruction (Micah 3:12) to change King Hezekiah's heart (Jeremiah 26:16-19) so that he became one of Judah's best kings who trusted in God more than any other ever had (2 Kings 18:5-6). Have you seen evidence of God's Word working in your heart to convict you and change you? How do you think that happens?

What steps can you take to make sure you are spending time in God's Word and allowing it to speak to your heart and change you?

Do you believe God's Word can change the heart of unsaved people? How are you doing with sharing the gospel?

Micah chapter 4 begins the second half of the cycle, moving from judgement to hope. What good things does God promise will happen in the future (4:1-7)?

What is the cause of these changes in society? What draws people from many nations to God, what is He doing (v 2)?

God promised that people from many nations will stream to God's temple to hear His teaching. This may mean that one day God's temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem, but it certainly means something for Christians now. Christians are called the temple of the Holy Spirit, with God dwelling in us (1 Cor 6:19, Eph 2:21-22). And we are called to be different and live according to God's Word so we can make disciples of all nations and teach them God's Word (Matt 28:19-20, 1 Peter 2:11-12). In what ways are we fulfilling this mission? What are some things that you personally can do to do this better? How can we help?