

Unpacking the Preach

Date: 11th October 2020
Sermon Title: A family devoted to: standing against injustice
Bible Passage: Micah 6: 1 - 8

Recapping the Preach

Read Micah 6: 1 - 8 from various translations in the group.

- What stood out to from either of these passages?

Stu began with a recap on the series: *God shapes our character which transforms our leadership which influences culture* and noted that we need to have our worldview (how we see the world and interpret the world) changed as Paul encourages in Romans 12:1-3.

- What are the things or sources that most influence your worldview?
- Can you think of an example where Scripture has shaped or changed your worldview?
- Why might people struggle to accept a biblical worldview?

Stu went on to reference passages of Scripture that speak of God's hatred of injustice. He pointed out that the requirement of justice was written into the OT Law and God's people were expected to set an example of leadership in this regard but they often neglected to do this.

- What stories in Scripture can you think of where God speaks against injustice?

Moving into the courtroom drama in Micah 6 we see God bringing His almost lamenting case, the ambivalent response of the people and Micah's outlining what God requires of the people.

- What is the significance of the answer that God gives to His own question in vs.3-5?
- God required the people to bring sacrifices as part of their worship, so why does He seem to be against it here?
- What does it mean to you to act justly?
- What does it mean to you to love mercy?
- What does it mean to you to walk humbly with God?
- In what ways are Jesus' words in Matthew 23:23 and Micah's words in vs.8 similar? How might they be different?

Stu concluded by pointing out that often people take verse 6:8 and attach them as an encouragement to do social action and justice in the world - which is OK but it is not the starting place. The starting place is the heart - God wants your heart, your whole heart and he wants you to know and experience the full expression of his heart of love for you, so that you can show it to others.

- Why do we need to be reminded that our hearts, not our actions, are the true test of our faithfulness?
- Are there any life / attitude adjustments we need to make to develop a heart of pure and genuine obedience?
- How do the commands of Micah 6:8 translate into service on your frontline and in our community?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?

Prayer pointers

- Pray for racial reconciliation in our world.
- Pray for one another for a listening heart and spirit.
- Pray for other matters of injustice in our world that are on your heart.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>