

# MICAH

THE POOR MAN'S PROPHET



# Intro

Who is Micah? Why is he important?

Micah is called “the poor man’s prophet” not because he preached exclusively to the poor, but because he consistently spoke **on behalf** of the poor to those in power. Living in a time when religious leaders, prophets, and political rulers were abusing their positions to gain wealth and status, Micah stood out by boldly calling out the injustice. The wealthy were seizing land, exploiting the vulnerable, and twisting the law to protect their power. In a culture that wrongly assumed poverty was a sign of God’s judgment, Micah flipped the narrative—declaring that God was not only on the side of the poor but that He was furious with those who used their influence to hurt others.

What made Micah’s message so deviant for the time is that he called out the religious system itself. The people were still offering sacrifices, going to the temple, and performing the right rituals, but Micah revealed that their hearts were corrupt. Their faith was performative, not transformative. He reminded them—and us—that God doesn’t want empty religion; He wants people who love Him deeply and reflect His justice and mercy in everyday life. Micah’s bold advocacy for justice, his focus on mercy, and his insistence on humility make him a timeless voice for those the world often overlooks.



## Session One

# When the Truth Hurts

### THE POINT

God cares deeply about how we treat others—and He holds us accountable when we choose selfishness over compassion.

### READ

Micah 1:2–9; 2:1–5, 11–13

What stands out to you in the way God describes Judah's actions?

Why do you think the people were surprised that God would judge them?

What are some things in your life that could become idols if you're not careful?

## Session Three

# There's Always Hope

### THE POINT

Even when we mess up badly, God offers restoration to those who turn back to Him.

### READ

Micah 5:2–5; Jeremiah 26:17–19

What's surprising about God's plan to bring a ruler from a small town like Bethlehem?

What does this passage teach you about who Jesus is?

Why do you think God uses people and places the world sees as unimportant?

How did King Hezekiah respond to Micah's warning? What happened because of it?

Do you believe there's anything too big for God to forgive? Why or why not?

What's one area in your life where you need to turn back to God? What needs to happen for you to follow through on that this week?



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