

Sermon Discussion Questions

Accountability

Micah 3

September 11, 2016

1. Do you remember 9/11/2001? Where were you, what were you doing, how did it impact you?
2. Micah was pretty gruesome when it came to describing the behavior of the ruling class (Micah 3:2-3). Maybe these other passages will help us see what Micah was doing using that metaphor. Read these specific verses and the context around them: Psalm 14:4; 27:2; Proverbs 30:14; Zephaniah 3:3 and discuss what the issue was that those passages address.
 - a. How would you say this kind of behavior shows up in our world today?
 - b. How should we address these ills of our society?
3. How many people from our church do you think are going to connect with the rulers/politicians to keep them accountable? Why do most of us not communicate with those in public office even though they are supposed to be working for us?
4. In Micah 3:3 the prophet calls the people “my people.” Remember the brief story about Pastor Yonas in Ethiopia and the young woman who was getting married, when he said, “We would never let our daughter marry a pagan,” even though the bride was not his actual daughter?
 - a. Rate how much we care for each other (1 = not at all & 10 = super much). Discuss why you give that rating.
 - b. Agree or disagree with this statement, “The people living in Manitowoc struggle with truly showing that they care for each other.” Discuss.
 - c. How can we become a more caring church family?
5. Review Ephesians 5:18-21 and discuss how to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Read Ephesians 2:19-22 and 1 Peter 2:9 and try to figure out how the Holy Spirit wants to work in our world today.
 - a. Ephesians 6:10 and 2 Timothy 3:12 push us to have courage. What does courage look like? How can we stand up for justice and not forfeit our good witnesses for Jesus (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8)?
6. We hear it all the time, “God bless America.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement, “The Bible never tells us to expect the blessing of God’s protection for us as a nation”?
7. Let’s discuss how we can live for God’s honor in our world.