

Sermon Discussion Questions

**National Corruption**

Micah 6:9-7:8

October 2, 2016

1. Do you have any memories from the 1960's you'd like to share?
2. If Rasmussen called you and asked you if you think the country is heading in the right direction or the wrong direction how would you answer them? Why?
3. Micah 6:13-16 speaks to the spirit of a nation declining or becoming more corrupt. Then, Jeremy mentioned a New Testament passage that paralleled that theme – Galatians 6:7. Read not only Galatians 6:7, but Galatians 6:8-9.
  - a. How do you sow to the Spirit?
  - b. What would you expect to reap if you sow to the flesh as opposed to sowing to the Spirit?
  - c. What do these verses say we are to sow in our lives: John 15:1-8; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 1:9-11? How are you doing with this?
  - d. Micah 6:16 talks of the toppling of a country because of the corrupt choices of its leaders. Do you actually think America will topple? (Jeremy mentioned the national debt being so high, but even when it reached \$1 trillion in 1991 analysts were saying our economy was going to topple—and it hasn't yet).
4. Jesus gave a warning to those who focus their lives on becoming rich. Read Luke 12:16-21. That last verse (v.21) is a tough one. How can we be sure we are aligning our lives with what Jesus said there?
5. Micah 7:2 is a sad statement. Jeremy shared the trends of Christianity in America. How do we reverse the trends? Can we? Or, is it just God's will and we just have to live with it?
6. Micah 7:5. Do you agree or disagree with this statement about people in our world today: "You just can't trust people you don't know like we used to be able to."
  - a. How relevant do you think Micah 7:6 is for our day and age? Explain.
7. Micah 7:7-8. How much do you pray for our rulers, our country, even the lost? Do you as an HDG need to pray more together for these things?
  - a. Talk through how to use the spiritual weapons that are listed in Ephesians 6:10-19. Take the time to go through every verse, stop and discuss them individually.