SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Micah 2

Ice Breaker: What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week? **Ice Breaker**: How have you shown "Love of Neighbor" to someone this week

OR how has someone shown you "Love of Neighbor"?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. **Read Micah 2**: What stands out to you in this text? What words or phrases are repeated? What parts of the text seem to carry more "weight," meaning more importance, than others?
- 2. Verse 2 uses the word "inheritance." Why was the "inheritance" of the promised land such a big deal to the people of Israel? How might an Israelite feel when their land was taken away by a neighbor?
- 3. What does it mean to "love self over neighbor"? Who is you neighbor? How might we use our position or power to get what we want? How else might we use power or authority to "bend the rules" or to "push the boundaries" to get ahead?
- 4. Our country is filled with examples of leaders in the church using their power to abuse or use people, just as Micah speaks to the powerful leaders of Israel. How does a "congregational" model of church fight against this? What is your role as a faithful church member to protect against this?
- 5. **Read Verse 4**: What does it mean that "they shall take up a taunt song against you"? How might the defeated feel when this song is sung? How do you feel when it seems God has "lost"? How do you respond to others when your prayers are not answered and God has "lost"?
- 6. Micah uses verse 6 to show that some messages from God are not popular or comfortable. Why is it "good news" when God convicts our sin? Why should we desire preaching and teaching that does not "tickle" our ears but speaks to our sinful, needy hearts?
- 7. **Read Verses 12**: What does it mean that "I" is the one performing the action? What does "the remnant of Israel" mean? How does that apply to us in 2021?
- 8. How does Revelation 20 give us hope? How does that change the way we treat one another? How can we practically show "love of neighbor" to fellow church members? Family? Friends? Neighbors?