

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Micah 1

**Ice Breaker:** What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

**Ice Breaker:** Have 1-2 people tell a quick news story they heard this week that is only good, positive news.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. The book of Micah is a Minor Prophet book from the Old Testament. What was the role of the prophets in the Old Testament? What types of messages did they bring to God's people?
2. Spend just a few minutes recounting any historical details you might remember of Israel in Micah's day. What was happening in Israel? What was happening in the nations around Israel? Why should we be cautious on drawing a "straight-line" from Israel's history to our present day culture?
3. **Read:** Verses 2-4. These verse give us a picture of God's righteous anger as he carries out justice upon his own people in Israel/Samaria. Is this display of God surprising to you? Does the justice and holiness of God bring worry/dread to your heart or does it bring fearful obedience and reverence?
4. The occasion for God's justice upon Israel/Samaria in verses 5-7 is idolatry. How does Israel's idolatry against God mirror our own idolatry against God? What areas/things in our lives do we make into idols? What things are we tempted to assign ultimate value to?
5. How do we overcome our "idol-factory" hearts and worship God alone? What practical things can we do (or help one another do) that keep us from placing too much value on the things of this world? Are there ways we can hold one another (spouse, small group, church) accountable to this?
6. Verses 8-16 detail the coming judgment upon Judah and Jerusalem. To what lengths was Micah willing to go to save his people? What lengths are we willing to go to save those around us (i.e. save them from God's judgment upon sin through the Gospel)?
7. The good news and bad news of the book of Micah (and the Bible) is that sin has eternal consequences but God has made a way by casting our sins in the sea (Micah 7:19). How would you prepare that news for your coworker, friend, family member, neighbor, coffee shop barista, etc.? Pray for one another to be bold to share the good news and the bad news that others may find hope in Jesus.