

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Micah 3

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pray for the church in Afghanistan. Pray that the Christians being persecuted would find their eternal hope in Jesus.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Micah 3:** What stands out to you in this text? What words or phrases are repeated? What are the different groups of people mentioned and why does that matter?
2. Verse 1 says, "Is it not for you to know justice?" What would it look like for the leaders of Israel to rule justly? What are positive signs today that church leaders are following God's Word, e.i. what are good things to look for in a church leadership?
3. Micah says, however, that the leaders of Israel "hate the good and love the evil" (v.2). What does this mean in the context of the OT Mosaic covenants (See Deut. 28) ? What are the ways and how are they perverting God's justice in Micah's day?
4. What might it look like in our day for church leaders to abuse power? What are some examples of when this goes wrong? How then, as members of our church, do we guard against abusive power in the church?
5. Micah's warning to the leaders of Israel about the seriousness of sin is also a warning to us. What does it mean to take sin seriously? What does it mean that sin, in all its forms, is opposed to God and his purposes?
6. How should our lives present the opposite picture of Micah: loving the good and hating the evil? What does it look like to love God's law and love God's character? How might this be a testimony to those around us?
7. In verse 12, Micah lays out the worst form of coming judgment for the Israelites: exile from the land and removal of God's presence from the people. How can we be encouraged that God upholds his word, even when it means judgment and punishment? What does this teach of us about the character of God?
8. What is our gospel-hope knowing that God punishes the wicked? How have we been removed from under this punishment? How does this make the Gospel of Jesus the Best News Ever?