

Dig Deeper @Home – "A God like No Other" Complement to sermon on 03/15/2020 – "Divine Rebuke"

ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered

MEMORIZE – Micah 7: 18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

READ Micah 3

Questions to ponder/discuss:

- 1. What sticks out to you in this passage?
- 2. What did you like? What didn't you like?
- 3. What general observations can you make? Anything repeated? Contrasted? Compared?
- 4. On what basis were the people presuming God would rubberstamp their unjust decisions? What misunderstanding of God (vs. 11, see also Deuteronomy 16:18-20) distorts their prophecy and destroys the people? (vv. 9-12)
- 5. How is Micah empowered by God and at odds with the religious and political leaders? (vv. 8-9)
- 6. What is this passage revealing about God?
- 7. What is it revealing about us as humans?
- 8. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life or what truth from above do you need to apply in your life and how will you do that?

Experiential activity – Monopoly Revised

Gather your family or a group of friends together to play a game of Monopoly. The goal of Monopoly is to buy properties and to gain as much income as you can as you go around the board. In the end, the one with the most houses and money wins. But in this game you are going to have a "new rule". Anyone who rolls the dice and gets two sixes is allowed to take any property from anyone around the board. If the person has no property, you can take \$500. Play the game this way and see how it changes how you feel about the game. Notice your feelings when someone "unfairly" takes away your property or your money.

Discuss how it felt to gain a property that you hadn't purchased? How might this relate to how God felt about the way his people were being treated in the time of Micah, the prophet?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing) The Goodness of God <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0FBb6hnwTo</u>

Crown Him with Many Crowns - Mennonite Hymnal 191

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Lord, you are the God of truth and justice, and You require truth and justice in our inner parts and integrity in our words and in our actions. So help us to live today as people committed to loving you and loving others in truth and with justice pointing them to Jesus, the Savior and Lord of our lives. Amen.