

“VOICES – THE MINOR PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT”
THE MICAH MANDATE – “DO RIGHT” **NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

In the Bible, prophets were _____ of God

“Each of these short books gives a glimpse into the spiritual landscape and history of Israel, challenging the status quo through prophets called to speak on God’s behalf.”

- They told people what to _____
- They told people how to _____

THE ESSENCE OF THEIR MESSAGE

- A call to _____ = move away from sin
- A promise of _____ = made right with God

The MICAH MANDATE

His Purpose: “But as for me, I am filled with power—with the Spirit of the LORD. I am filled with justice and strength to boldly declare Israel’s sin and rebellion.” MICAH 3:8

His Message: “The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” MICAH 6:8

1. We don’t have to guess at what God _____

2. We don’t have to guess at what’s _____

- Do _____ – “act justly” (NIV), “do justice” (NRSV, ESV)
- Love _____ – “love kindness” (NRSV, ESV)
- Walk _____

“_____ we believe shapes our behavior;
_____ we behave demonstrates our beliefs.”

MICAH’S COMPLAINTS

“Listen to me... You hate justice and twist all that is right.” MICAH 3:9

“The people with influence get what they want, and together they scheme to twist justice.” MICAH 7:3

MICAH’S CALL - PART ONE

“... do what is right...” = do _____

“Biblical justice involves making individuals, communities, and the cosmos whole, by upholding both goodness and impartiality.”

What Is Biblical Justice, PAUL METZGER

Biblical justice is doing what is _____ as determined by _____

- Justice flows from God’s _____

“The LORD is known for his justice.” PSALM 9:16

“He loves whatever is just and good.” PSALM 33:5

“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.” PSALM 97:2

- And justice should flow through the lives of His _____

“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.” JAMES 1:27

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.” PROVERBS 31:8

“God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.” MATTHEW 5:6

“Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.” 1 JOHN 2:6

- As followers of Jesus, we should be known for what we _____, not just for what we _____

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.” ISAIAH 1:17

“The LORD is more pleased when we do what is right and just than when we offer him sacrifices.” PROVERBS 21:3