

what the
world needs

act
justly

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Micah 6:8—*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God*

Micah 7:18-20—*Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be faithful to Jacob, and show love to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our ancestors in days long ago.*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ACT JUSTLY?

1. REALIZE: Injustice is not just about doing wrong, it is also about not doing right.

Luke 4:16-19—*...The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor...*

Luke 6:20-26—*...Blessed are you who are poor... Blessed are you who hunger...*

2. RESCUE: What compels you and propels you to act honorably?

See Micah 6:8

3. RAISE: Raise the bar, lift the standard, and determine how you can be more just and honorable.

Matthew 25:40—...*the least of these...*

4. REQUIRE: What does justice require of me?

Deuteronomy 15:11—*There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.*

Proverbs 19:11—*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.*

Proverbs 22:9—*The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*

Isaiah 58:6-7—*Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*

Psalm 82:3—*Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.*

Proverbs 14:11—*Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*

All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 6/16/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

Read and discuss all of the scriptures from this week's message. Then, answer the following questions.

1. Discuss the biblical theology of the poor. What does the Bible say? Read the verses listed in point 4.
2. Reivew Rob's points: Realize, Rescue, Raise, Require. Which one resonates most with you?
3. Memorize and discuss Micah 6:8. What is meant by "acting justly?"
4. What is meant by "loving mercy?" What scriptures support your viewpoint?
5. What is meant by "walking humbly?" What Bible passages speak to this?
6. What is justice? Why is injustice so polarizing and paralyzing?