

**"To the Point" series**

Some verses and short passages in God's Word pack a lot of punch. These are places where the biblical writers direct our attention to an important truth in an emphatic, straightforward way.

And while brief, these passages are rich and deep. They deserve our close attention as they communicate important truths in their immediate context, and reinforce truths that we see throughout the rest of Scripture as well.

**LIFEgroup questions (6-10 questions)**

1. Have someone read Micah 6:1-8 again. As a reminder, Brad stated 4 things that this passage shows us about having a right relationship with the Lord.
2. The first point was that the foundation of a right relationship with the Lord is that the Lord saves us by His sheer grace. List off, as a group, some of the ways that the Lord has shown Himself faithful to you over the years.
3. So often we fail to respond to God's grace properly, much like the Israelites. What are some of the ways we try to appease God? Why do you think we operate this way?
4. What should be our correct attitude and motive as we approach sacrifice, religious practices, or spiritual disciplines?
5. What were the 2 phrases Brad gave (from "The Reason for God") that contrast the Gospel with our default "religious" mode?
6. Look at Micah 6:8 again. What other passages in Scripture does this final sentence remind you of?
7. Why are "acting justly" and "loving mercy" not, in fact, at odds, but rather saying the same thing?

8. If "*mishpat*" (justice) means not only giving people their due punishment but giving people their due protection and care, as well, what does it mean to "do justice" in our society?
9. What are some of the practical ways that we can meet the needs of the vulnerable and needy in our city? Secondly, in what ways can you do this as a part of your regular daily routine?
10. In order to become men and women who "do justice," how do we need to see Jesus? Do we need to see Him as more than just a good example?

It's easy for us to do justice and to be good out of guilt or to do it to feel good about ourselves. But this will never change us. We need to see God as supremely beautiful, and then we will do it for God's sake.

See Jesus was cast out; He was forsaken on the cross; so that we could be brought in, so that we could have a relationship with God, so that we could be reconciled with God (Matt. 27:46; Rom. 8:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:18-21). Out of this, let's go and be people who live out Micah 6:8.