



## **Sermon Discussion Curriculum Week 1 – Act Justly – August 2, 2020**

The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



### **KNOW:**

- Choosing to do the right thing can often feel like the worst decision because it is so much harder. Share about a time when you decided to do something the right way instead of the easy way.
- Share a time when you tried to impress another person. What did you do? Did your efforts succeed?
- Have you ever made a bargain with God? It may have been as a kid or as an adult, something along the lines of, "God if you do this, then I will do that."



### **GROW:**

- As a D-Group, read Micah 6:6-8. What do the people seem to be asking? What is the writer suggesting to be a good offering to the Lord? What kinds of "sacrifice" have you tried to offer before the Lord in the past?
- In the Bible, justice means fulfilling mutual obligations in a manner consistent with God's moral law. According to Isaiah 42:1, Jesus is the only hope for justice on earth. In groups of two or three, search for other passages that speak to God's character of justice.
- There has been a strong push toward social justice in the last decade. Are these movements good? How does being a Christian and seeking justice go hand-in-hand? How is justice a guide for real faith?
- Is it difficult for you to believe that God will one day bring about justice in the world? Why or why not?

 **SHOW:**

- What are some injustices that you notice in our society? As a believer, what is our role in addressing these injustices? As a group, take time to pray for injustice in our world.
- In what ways do we often “perform” for other people to make ourselves look good? How do these “performances” affect our local church community?
- Is there an area of life where you go through the motions rather than offering a pure sacrifice to the Lord? What life adjustments can you make this week to develop a heart of pure and genuine obedience?



## **Sermon Discussion Curriculum Week 2 – Love Mercy – August 9, 2020**

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### **Helpful Resources for Studying “Love Mercy”**

- *Article from Jesus Film Project* - <https://bit.ly/HowToLoveMercy>
- *Article from Desiring God* - <https://bit.ly/LordSearchMyHeart>



### **KNOW:**

- What is something you would love to do right now but can't because of COVID-19?
- There is perhaps no greater scene in a movie than when a character shows mercy to someone who least deserves it. Can you describe an especially powerful movie scene where undeserved mercy is shown between two characters? How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever been stranded on the side of the road (flat tire, out of gas, accident, etc.)? Did anyone stop to help you? What was the situation? How did the response or lack of response from others make you feel?



## GROW:

- Read Micah 6:6-8. Does anything from this passage stand out in a different way from the way it did last week? What is God speaking to you in this passage?
- Pick one passage to read in light of Micah 6:6-8:
  - Read the story of the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18:23-35. How does Jesus's forgiveness of our sins compel us to love mercy?
  - Read Matthew 23:23 and compare Jesus' condemnation of the religious leaders' hypocrisy with Micah's call to action in Micah 6:8. In what ways are Jesus' and Micah's messages similar? How are they different?
- What are common reasons why it might be easy to show an undeserving person mercy? What are common reasons why it might be difficult to show an undeserving person mercy?
- Identify what things in our society you believe are causing hurt in your community. Who is being hurt? What kind of action can your church take to address the cause with the love of Christ?



## SHOW:

- Where in our society do you see the need for mercy? How can you be a part of showing mercy to those who need it most?
- In the movie Spiderman, the character Uncle Ben tells Peter Parker, "With great power comes great responsibility." Is the same true of mercy? How does this movie picture translate to our world as Christians?
- Have you ever had the chance to show someone mercy, but chose not to? Would you change your mind now? Rather than lamenting a regret, what did you learn from the experience?

## Local Serving Opportunity:

- One of Fellowship's local mission partners, Goodness Village, has requested an IMMEDIATE NEED. They are seeking D-Groups who are willing to prepare freezer meals for some of the families living far from home while seeking cancer treatment. Goodness Village will deliver special containers for you to make and freeze your favorite soups or casseroles. Then they will pick up the meals. Doesn't get any easier than that! Please call Sharon Graves (Volunteer Meal Coordinator) for more information: 501-944-0019. [www.goodnessvillage.org](http://www.goodnessvillage.org)



## **Sermon Discussion Curriculum**

### **Week 3 – Walk Humbly – August 16, 2020**

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- *Article from Desiring God* - <https://bit.ly/LordSearchMyHeart>



#### **KNOW:**

- “Pride comes before a fall” is a familiar phrase in our culture (based on Prov. 11:2). Share a time when you have experienced or observed this reality take place? Sports are famous for celebrating too early: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fa1\\_tw5RkL8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fa1_tw5RkL8)
- How would you define humility?
- Who is someone in your life that walks in humility? Describe them and how their words and actions portray humility.



## GROW:

- As you read, Micah 6:6-8, what is the context of the phrase “walk humbly with your God”? How does it fit in this passage?
- Read Philippians 2:1-11. What characteristics of humility does Paul give us in these verses? How does the example of Christ, who was humility embodied in human form, model this for us?
- We often think of arrogance as the opposite of humility, but it has been said that “arrogance and insecurity are two sides of the same coin of pride.” How do you think insecurity can also be a sign of a lack of humility?
- Look at the following verses and list some of the results of having a humble spirit. What does it mean to walk humbly with God?
  - Proverbs 22:4; James 4:6; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 11:2; Psalm 149:4



## SHOW:

- Andrew Murray wrote, “Humility is not a thing that will come of itself, but that it must be made the object of special desire and prayer and faith and practice.” What actions will you take to cultivate a lifestyle of walking humbly?
- Can you think of some relationships or areas where you have been less than humble? What are some ways you could live out a Christ-like humility in those situations going forward?
- Walking humbly requires an action. What is one way you can actively pursue humility this week?