

Sermon Notes

"May I Introduce You to Micah?"
Micah 1:1-2; Deuteronomy 28-30
June 3, 2018

c. Listen to the book read aloud to you. (Again, www.biblegateway.com is a great resource. Look up Micah chapter 1, and click on the microphone icon. You can choose from a variety of voices, translations, and even other languages. One I prefer is "NIV by Dramatized.")

4. Whether you read through the book once, twice, or a dozen times, let's summarize your thoughts:
- What is this book about? Write a brief summary.

- Write out any key or favorite verses.

- What are some problem passages or questions you have that we want to find answers for during the summer study?

- What is one application to your life that you anticipate this book emphasizing?

Background (Deuteronomy 28-30)

Video Summary (www.TheBibleProject.com/explore/Micah/)

Introduction to the study (Micah 1:1-2)

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 06-03-18

Questions adapted from *LifeChange Series, Minor Prophets 1*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2014, p. 118.

Getting Started:

1. This summer, let's endeavor to study the book of Micah. Let's get it in our hearts and minds. How familiar is the book of Micah to you? What have been your previous impressions of this book?

Digging Deeper:

Study Hint

"The books of the Bible were originally written as single units. For the sake of convenience, chapter and verse divisions were added many centuries later. For those who want to master the Bible, understanding the whole of each book leads to a far better understanding of the particulars. And understanding the meaning of the particulars leads to proper conclusions and greater mastery of the Word of God. [This] study plan enables the student to move from the *whole* to the *particulars* to a *conclusion*. Three steps to studying any book of the Bible, then, are the book survey (the whole), chapter analysis (the particulars), and the book summary (conclusions)." (The Navigator Bible Studies Handbook, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, Revised edition, 1994, pp. 69-70).

This week, we want to get an overview of the whole book of Micah. A great resource I strongly recommend for gaining a quick summary of the books of the Bible can be found at www.TheBibleProject.com/explore. Scroll down, select Micah, and you'll find a number of resources, including the video we watched in service.

2. Let me encourage you to re-watch the video on Micah.
 - a. What stood out to you as you watched it this time?

- b. Talk about how the alternating themes (Accusations & Warnings versus Hope & Restoration) form the outline of the book. Why are both Judgement and Hope so crucial to this book?

- c. What does that reveal about God?

3. Let's read the book!

- a. Read the whole book in one sitting. Start at the beginning of the book and read it straight through. Take 10 minutes after reading to immediately write down your impressions.

- b. Later in the week, read the book again, but perhaps in a different translation. When I'm trying to read large portions of Scripture rapidly, I prefer reading from the NIV, NET, or HCSB. You could also use paraphrases for this purpose, such as The Message, or The Living Bible, or CEV. (You can find over 50 different English versions at www.biblegateway.com to read online for free.) After the second reading, again take 10 minutes to immediately write down your impressions.