



Few verses in scripture speak with more clarity than Micah 6:8 about what God values. In this series we will explore what it means to focus on what God focuses on most. Justice. Mercy. Humility. Repeat!

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 What are some things that often take our focus off of what matters most to God?

2 Micah was a prophet sent by God in the last part of the 8th century to help God's people focus on the real reason behind the threats they faced. **Read Micah 6:9-12.** What stands out to you the most about their moral weakness?

3 So God decides to take them to court. **Read Micah 6:1-5.** What evidence do you see in these verses that should have reminded them that **God has been good**? Follow up discussion: Rick noted that what God is establishing is critical – *“When we lose focus on how God has treated us, the way we ought to treat others will start to get blurry.”* How have you experienced this to be true in your life?

4 The suit began with God making a strong argument for His faithfulness and goodness. He then reminds them that the problem wasn't their lack of passion; the problem was that their passion was focused on the wrong things. **Read Micah 6:6-8.** What stands out to you the most about what **God has defined good**? Share an example of how focusing on the wrong things can prevent you from focusing on the good God requires of you.

5 GOOD... isn't being in the right place... Rick reminded us that there is a way of focusing on a place (“going to church”) that gets our priorities out of place. What was Rick emphasizing with this point? How should what happens “in this place” inspire and empower us to do good in “every place”?

6 ...or making the right payments... Most religions focus on getting God to drop the charges by buying Him off. Why is this so? How does that type of religion get a person's life to be “out of focus” (see **Isaiah 1:11-17**)?

7 ...but treating people right. What God considers to be good is focusing on people, and especially on the people who typically get overlooked. Look at the following scriptures and note the different ways God stands with and for the marginalized. **Read Deuteronomy 10:18; Psalm 146:7-9; Proverbs 14:31 and Zechariah 7:9-10.** What resonates with you from these verses? Share some stories of the different ways you've seen The Hills partner with organizations to care for people who often get overlooked.

8 Let's be clear: **“good” still needs good news.** Rick closed by reminding us that *“Saved people do good, but doing good is not the way to be saved.”* **Read Titus 3:4-5.** What difference does it make that God saves us out of His great mercy and not because of anything we do?

