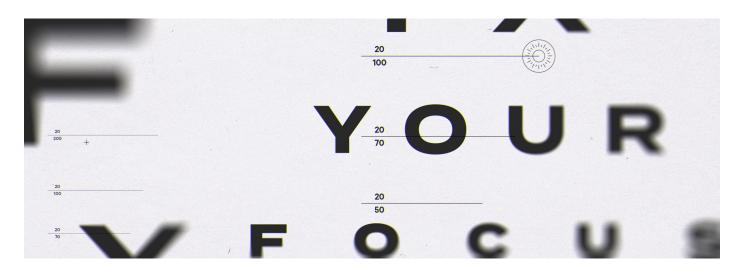
DISCUSSION Week 4 thehills.org



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 This series has reminded us that Micah understands the value of clarity. **Micah 6:8** shows us that what God wants is not complicated, but it is not easy either. What does it mean to "act justly," "love mercy," and "walk humbly"? Which one is most difficult for you to do?
- 2 MOST FOCUS... their attention on getting attention. We live in an "it's all about me" culture. Share some examples of how you've seen this to be true. Follow up: What God has made clear is that He opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble (see Micah 2:3 and Isaiah 66:2). Rick noted that "We will never act justly and love mercy without walking humbly with God." Why is that the case?
- **3 Read Philippians 2:3-8** Though culture often views humility as a weakness, in what ways did Jesus' humility convey and require strength?
- 4 WALKING HUMBLY MEANS... going where God wants to take me. Rick reminded us not to miss the wonder of this thought "that God wants us to walk with Him." What does this imply about the kind of relationship God wants us to have with Him? What challenges come along with this type of relationship (see Luke 9:23)? Follow up: Share an example of how "walking humbly with God" has led you to places outside of your comfort zone.

- 5 WALKING HUMBLY MEANS... being fine with not being noticed. Rick noted that "The reason we crave attention is because we live in a world where self-worth is determined by applause." How have you experienced that to be true in your life? Follow up: On a scale of 1 to 10 how real is the struggle to be "liked" ("to be noticed") for you? How can what Paul says in Philippians 2:3 help you to grow in this area?
- 6 WALKING HUMBLY MEANS... doing the next good thing for someone else. When you walk with God you get clarity on what gets His attention. God notices people, especially those who rarely get noticed. And walking with Him begins to fix our focus on opportunities to act justly and love mercy. Read Galatians 6:10. What stands out to you the most from this verse? Share the highlights of a "Godengineered" moment when you witnessed someone having the opportunity to do good to someone.
- 7 Let's be clear: we must keep our focus on Jesus! Rick closed by reminding us that a life focused on "me" is sure to bring frustration; while a life focused on Jesus brings fulfillment. How has Micah 6:8 brought this truth into better clarity for you? What is one thing you plan to do differently based on what you've learned in this series?

