

<b>Series:</b> 6:8@Six:Eight	<b>Reference:</b> Micah 6:8 & Various passages	<b>Title:</b> Purpose	<b>Date:</b> 10.07.18
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## Community Group Questions

### Take time to pray through the Six:Eight Prayer Foci for 2018/19

*If the Holy Spirit gives anyone a specific word for the church share them with the other Community Group Leaders.*

- 1. FREEDOM:** Pray against spiritual attack on our church body & it's members, so that kingdom ministry goes unhindered.
- 2. SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Pray we'd abide in the Presence of Christ, honoring the Word & Spirit of God, being transformed & becoming more effective in witness. That we'd be drawn deeply into worship & prayer in powerful ways this year.
- 3. LEADERSHIP:** Pray for leadership to be filled with the knowledge of the Word & power of the Spirit, operating out of the two as gracious strong servant leaders.
- 4. MINISTRIES:** For all 8 church ministries to run smoothly, having all current & future resources provided for them to thrive (*Kids, Community Groups, Kingdom Opportunities, Stewardship, Impressions, Worship Arts, Prayer, Missions*).
- 5. LOCAL EVANGELISM:** That we'd preach the Word boldly & minister in the power of the Spirit to see people come to faith & publicly declare that through baptism. - for divine openings with neighbors, coworkers, friends & Community Partners.
- 6. CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION:** To be a *'House of Prayer for all Nations'* (Isaiah 56:7), obedient to the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20), overflowing to our Kinship Network relationships reaching Arab world Muslims, and other mission endeavors of the church.
- 7. GIVING:** Pray that we'd be stretched in faithful giving of our financial resources in order not to be hindered in our kingdom ministry as a church.

### Study Questions

Read Micah 6:8 & discuss the three points below in light of the concept of 'Goodness' which is practical & moral - not speculative, ethereal, or philosophical.

- (1) **Act justly** - which is a basic commitment to fairness in interpersonal relationships & social institutions. Not a communistic or socialistic view, nor a nod toward Liberation Theology. It merely communicates a basic commitment to treating each other rightly in all our dealings, no matter our level/station in life.
- (2) **Love mercy** - is to go beyond fairness, responding to the needs of others, compelling a person to help whenever possible. This is basic human kindness expressed in practical ways (verbal, financial, physical, medical, etc.)
- (3) **Walk humbly with God** - is to remain responsive to God, submitting gladly to His will. This last point sets a boundary within which we're to live. In our kindness/mercy we can't let sympathy push us to do that which is unfair, or violates God's will - God's law is still our standard which must be upheld. We also can't be so rigidly "fair" that we have no room for compassion, or caring.

1. What is your reaction to NT Wright's quote: "*Justice without forgiveness is revenge. Forgiveness without justice is appeasement.*"
  1. What does it mean to you?
2. From Micah 6:8, what does God expect of his people?
3. Before you knew Jesus, how would you describe yourself...
  1. on a spiritual journey
  2. disillusioned
  3. curious
  4. skeptical of Christ followers?
    1. How has Christ transformed you from in or from this?
4. Read John 21:18 - does it frighten you to let Jesus take full control of your life, leading you even to places you don't want to go? Either geographically, or emotionally to address internal issues?
5. Read Matthew 8:19-20 & John 6:60 which describes the Shallow Heart.
6. Read Matthew 8:21-22 which describes the Entangled Heart
7. Read Luke 9:61-62 which describes the Divided Heart
  1. Which one of these three most describes you? Or are you all three?
  2. What does John 14:23 mean in light of this?
1. If **Listening = Reading**. Do you spend daily time in the Bible?
2. If **Listening = Listening in Prayer**. Do you allow the Spirit to speak to you? Do you ever have solitude or silence in your day to hear his voice?
3. **Listening & Following = Doing = Obedience**. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 & James 1:22 - Does this just make you feel guilty or ashamed? Or does it have it's intended result in you - excitement to follow Jesus in all ways to participate in the kingdom life?