

Series: 6:8@Six:Eight	Reference: Micah 6:8 & Various passages	Title: Vision	Date: 10.14.18
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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 practical/moral points of acting justly, loving mercy & walking humbly in light of the concept of 'Goodness' beginning with question 1 below...

1. Review our Vision Statement - *To live as Jesus did, in word & deed. Awakening others to their own spiritual journey with him - To live as Jesus did.*
 1. How did Jesus Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly with the Father?
 2. How do these play out practically & morally in living as Jesus did?
2. Prayerfully review Philippians 2:5-8 & Ephesians 5:1-2 & 1 John 2:5-6
 1. Have one person read each one aloud slowly twice through - after each one, give a moment for people to write down thoughts in a prayerful posture. Then share these thoughts together. There are no wrong answers, only reactions :)
 2. Compare the thoughts & concepts in these passages with George Barna's quote below,
 1. *"Focusing on Jesus' exhortation that His followers must love both God & people with all of their heart, mind, soul & strength - transformed individuals are those who have aligned their intellect, emotions, behavior & spirit with the call & ways of God. In other words, genuine, Christ-driven transformation is four-dimensional."*
 2. What does this mean for us as Christ-Followers?
3. Prayerfully do the same exercise as above with Matthew 20:25-28 & 26:50-53 & John 18:33-38
 1. We'd said, the essential difference between the kingdoms of the world & the kingdom of God is...
 1. the Kingdom of the world = Coercion/Force – behavioral modification by law or threat of punishment. No power to change hearts (Power Over)
 2. the Kingdom of God = Christ-like servant love as seen in Phil 2:5-8, characterized by heart transformation. (Power Under)
 2. How does Wesley's quote below factor into this...
 1. *"Orthodoxy, or right opinion, is, at best, a very slender part of religion. Though right tempers cannot subsist without right opinions, yet right opinions may subsist without right tempers. There may be a right opinion of God without either love or one right temper toward Him. Satan is proof of this."*
4. The following are more personal questions to consider in silence & solitude with Jesus. If there's time during the end of study each person can just take 5 minutes to meditate on these questions, only sharing what they're comfortable with, or do them at home, alone...
 1. Do you want to be Jesus; a humble, loving, servant in this world?
 2. Would you rather be right, or forgiven in relationships with others?
 3. Do you operate out of pride, or humility?
 4. What do I spend most of my mental energy thinking about?
 1. Am I filled with fear or faith?
 5. What if God's love was contingent on me getting it right, or on his emotion towards me?
 6. What if God withdrew his love when he was unhappy with me?
 7. Have you ever said, "They don't deserve my love!"?
 1. What do you think of the idea that *'if love's the most powerful force in the world, then withholding love is the most destructive'*.
 2. How does withholding love from someone in your life hurt them?