

How I engage with the world has more to do with my response to God than my response to the world.

Micah 6: 1– 8 (NLT) - Listen to what the Lord is saying:

“Stand up and state your case against me.
Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaints.
2 And now, O mountains,
listen to the Lord’s complaint!
He has a case against his people.
He will bring charges against Israel.
3 “O my people, what have I done to you?
What have I done to make you tired of me?
Answer me!
4 For I brought you out of Egypt
and redeemed you from slavery.
I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you.
5 Don’t you remember, my people,
how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed
and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead?
And remember your journey from Acacia Grove[a] to Gilgal,
when I, the Lord, did everything I could
to teach you about my faithfulness.”
6 What can we bring to the Lord?
Should we bring him burnt offerings?
Should we bow before God Most High
with offerings of yearling calves?
7 Should we offer him thousands of rams
and ten thousand rivers of olive oil?
Should we sacrifice our firstborn children
to pay for our sins?
8 No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good,
and this is what he requires of you:
to do what is right, to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6: 8 (NLT) - No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

“It is you, not something, God wants” - Hans Walter Wolff

Study Guide

This last Sunday we spoke about Micah 6:8 and that how I engage with the world has more to do with my response to God than my response to the world. What areas of injustice do you see in the world around you? If you responded with mercy and humility, what could that response look like? What are the dangers of responding to injustice without mercy and humility?

The Bible has a lot to say about fighting injustice, but also a lot about how we are to engage with the world that is very different from what the world might do. Take a moment to read Matthew 5:38-42. What do you think this verse teaches us about our response to injustice? What do you think about what Jesus says? Why do you think God wants us to respond this way?

A lot of this conversation comes down to the base foundation of how we view the world. If I am just looking at the surface, at the people around me and at how I feel about them, then I will respond like them. However, if I am viewing the world as being the Lord’s, and each person as His child, then my response changes dramatically.

Take some time to review the areas of injustice you talked about at the beginning. How could you see you responding to it based on the scripture you just read? What would that look like? What would be hard about that?

Take some time to pray for each other that we would respond to the world with the hear of God, and according to our love for Him and those He loves.