

LifeGroup Study Sheet

September 26th 2021– Micah 7:7-9

This guide is designed to help in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Pastor Jon asked the question – what happens in your life as a follower of Jesus when the “waters get rough” in your life? How about when things are going well in your life? What does your spiritual life look like in good times, and in difficult times? What's your “standard operating system?”

Digging In**Read Micah 7:7-9**

Question 1: Read Micah 7:8. There is a phrase in this passage that should catch our eye. The notion is not “if we fall” it is “when we fall.” Does that surprise you? How does this change your perspective about how you live your life following Jesus? Do difficulties surprise you? Do you expect them?

Question 2: Read Micah 7:8 There are times or moments of darkness in everyone's life. Sometimes that is a product of the broken world we live in, and sometimes it is a product of our own sin. All of us can probably think of moments of darkness we've experience because of our own sin.

The Bible contains many “laments” like this (like in Psalms or Lamentations). Why is it helpful to know that lament can be a godly reaction even when we get bad news or screw up? Why do you think we are so often uncomfortable about this kind of honest reaction?

Question 3: Read Micah 7:9 The imagery here is being present in a court room. The image is God, through Jesus executing justice on my behalf. Reflect and talk about this phrase that Pastor Jon said, “God is radically, lovingly, and patiently waiting for you.” What does that mean? It is easy to know that intellectually, but how does that look practically in the life of a Christian? How do you live out Jesus' execution of justice on your behalf?

Question 4: Micah 7:7 Where is your horizon? What will be your thing that will keep you grounded? What will you look to during the ups and downs of your life? **“But as for me, I will look to the Lord.”**

Do you look at your circumstances in life to determine your horizon? How have you done that before? This week, how will you focus of what God has done for you to give you the peace, satisfaction, and rest that you are looking for?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?