

Central Evangelical Church Cell Groups

Week beginning Sunday 8st June 2014

This is only a guide to start the conversation – use it, or not, as you wish..

Micah Ch 3

1. What insights, challenges etc. did you get from the sermons on Sunday?

Micah 3 – A totally corrupt society

2. v1-3 As we saw last week there is great similarities between their society and ours today. Micah was challenging the leaders that they were not obeying God in how they were ruling. Do you think we should challenge our leaders about this today, or was Micah's challenge because they were “God's people” and they were not acting accordingly? (See also Eze 22:27; Zep 3:3; Zec 2:8; 2Ki 15:16)

3. v4 God will “hide His face from them” - in this “day of grace”, as it's sometimes called, does God still judge this way when leader have acted wrongly and subsequently ask God for help? See also James 2:13; 2Sam 12:13

4. v5 suggests that the prophets were only out for what they could get and not in the least interested in giving true prophesies. Does this suggest that there might be a danger in a paid clergy? If so, how can we guard against such a situation?

5. V6-7 Part of the judgement of God was that the prophets would cease to have visions and messages from God. Do you think that there is a similar lack of “revelation” in the Christian Church in the west today? If so what has caused it?

6. V8 Micah was inspired to do God's work by “the Spirit”. It is often said that a person should do ministry according to what they are passionate about or help to correct something that really annoys them. Do you think that these preferences etc. that we have, come from the Spirit of God prompting us?

Micah Ch4 – Hope and renewal

7. 1-5 Do you think this is something that will happen on earth or is this the spiritual “kingdom of God” that is being described – or is it both? See also Isa 2:4

8. V10 – Gods ways are often so different from ours! “You will go to Babylon; there you will be rescued.” often what we think of as a huge problem is part of God's plan to bless us.