

Marinating in God's Word: Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 23:23-24

Ask about a favorite book of the Bible, and you're not likely to someone cite the Minor Prophets. And yet we hear God's word through them too. Thus we are focusing this summer on a portion of the Bible we tend not to know very well.

For further reflection on your own or in a small group, consider these questions:

- Micah 6:8 has long been a popular poster verse, bumper sticker meme, and memory verse. Why do you think it's popular in this way? Who was someone you have known whose life demonstrated Micah 6:8? What was key to his/her ability to live the verse?
- Prophets often chose a scene from life as a setting for their prophetic messages. What setting did Micah choose here? Micah is the one speaking, but he is playing roles. Who are the characters?
- Matthew is not so specifically set as a trial, and yet it parallels a trial. How?
- If the Pharisees whom Jesus condemned were the ultimate religious high achievers, what is Jesus after for his followers? What does that mean for us, and whether we can truly put Micah 6:8 into practice?

Next week we will focus on Zechariah.