

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

BEYOND THE

NOISE

WEEK 1 | "Micah: Hope in Times of Uncertainty" | November 10, 2024

INTRO

- What was one way the world was noisy this week?
- How do you try to drown out the noise? Where do you look for quiet and peace?
- Have you read any of the "minor prophet" books before? What do you remember about them or what are you expecting from this series?

STUDY AND REFLECTION

- Read Micah 1 together. What is the tone of this book? What does it remind you of?
 - What stands out about the language of the book?
- One scholar writes that, "Reading prophecy in the right way means looking for patterns of how God acts in the working out of salvation history rather than trying to determine detailed timelines or discern exact correspondences between biblical prophecies and contemporary events."
 - How do you understand prophecy?
 - How can we trace what God is doing (and how God saves us) through the book of Micah or other prophetic books?
- Read Micah 6 together. How is the tone of this chapter different than chapter 1? How is it similar?
- What is the message of hope that we have from God?
 - Read Ephesians 2:1-5. How do these verses speak to our salvation and God's mercy?

APPLICATION

- Take some time in your group to sit in silence, quieting the noise of the world (and each other!). Set a timer for 3 minutes and sit together, asking God to speak to you.
- What happened in that 3 minutes?
 - What was it like to sit quietly?
 - Try to spend intentional time in silence each day this week. That might look different depending on your life stage/season/responsibilities. Start where you can and ask God to meet you there.
- We did a quick flyover of the whole book of Micah in the sermon. This week, take some time to read the whole thing (about a chapter a day). Then think about these things:
 - Where do you need silence this week? How can you create spaces of silence for God to speak to you?
 - What do you need to hear from God in this season?
 - If anything is standing out to you now, share that with your group!