

Godly Grief

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Prayer Concerns:

Micah grieves over his godless nation. [8-10a]

The sins of the cities. [10b-15]

1. *Shaphir*: Glorified _____ [11]

2. *Zaanan*: Took pride in _____ [11b]

3. *Lachish*: Trusted in _____ and _____
_____ [13]

*“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust
in the name of the LORD our God.” [Psalm 20:7]*

4. *Moresbeth Gath*: Embraced _____ and _____ [14a]

5. *Mareshah*: Sought fulfillment in _____ [15a]

A call for godly grief. [16]

1. _____ and _____ of _____

2. _____ and _____ in God’s grace and mercy.

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting started:

1. What hometowns do you still connect with? Do you still read the local news? What concerns you most about changes in this town(s)?

Digging deeper:

Read Micah 1:1-16

1. God chose Micah to warn His rebellious people that destruction was coming. How widespread is the sacking of Israel and Judah?
2. How does this message of devastation affect Micah, the messenger [v. 8]? Why did Micah go naked, howl like a jackal and screech like an owl?
3. One of our church priorities is to engage our culture with grace and truth. How do you see this lived out in Micah's heart and words?

4. Review the list of towns provided in the sermon outline. Which of these do you see in our culture today? Which do you see in your own life?
5. Is Micah saying there's no hope of avoiding destruction? What could the people have done to stem the flow of God's wrath against them?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 7:10. What is the difference between godly grief and worldly grief?
7. Read Micah 7:18-19. Spend time praising God for His amazing grace.

Taking it Home:

1. Micah's very personal lament is a model. The last time you criticized someone, did it hurt you as much as them? Did you "weep and mourn" in your communication? How did it come out?