

Priming The Pump

Two things: Go around the room and share what came to mind prior to today when you heard the phrase **Serve the World** and, how familiar if at all were you with the passage from **Micah 6:6-8** (printed on reverse side)? *Why do you think this Scripture was chosen to be the inspiration for this series in which we will be talking about the church's mission to: Love God, Love People, and to Serve the World?*

Micah preached about 10 years before and then after the capture and destruction of Israel at the hands of the Assyrians in 721 b.c. He also forewarned Judah of its eventual capture at the hands of the Babylonians (4:10, which would not happen until 586 b.c.)

What observations does your group have of this passage and what it speaks to us today? (in light of what it spoke to the divided kingdom of God's people 2700+ years ago)

The Main Point 'Serve the World'

What in the world does *'The World'* mean? And how are we to serve it? The working definition we will use for the word *world* in our mission statement, refers to those people who are part of this unbelieving culture or way of thinking at this time or context of history. Our "serving the world" has to do with our interaction with those who do not yet believe in God. Either they do not believe there is a God or they do not trust Him. Their order or way of thinking through things does not start with God. So it becomes our job to demonstrate to them that He does indeed exist and that He can be trusted. How? By virtue of how those who do believe and trust Him treat and behave toward those who don't yet believe... *"and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love..."*

Read The Word Read these verses out loud in the group (1 Timothy 4:13) **James 1:26,27; James 2:14-17; James 4:4; Galatians 6:1,2; Micah 6:6-8**

Based on these passages: *What is to be our relationship to the world? How are we to serve the world?*

What is James saying about the nature of "pure religion"? How do you think our religion get "defiled"? (NASB words) What does Paul say about what it means to be "spiritual"? (true spirituality) What are they inferring about the level of our spiritual authenticity and how it impacts those who do not yet believe? What is the most important thing to remember in our serving the world?

What are similarities or parallels between Micah and the NT passages? What connections can we make between Micah's message to Israel/Judah and the Apostles' directives to the Church? Are they connected?

Would it be reasonable and consistent with who God is to think that a similar outcome could happen if we do not heed their words?

Sermon Notes



Sermon Series **God's Love Language**

Sermon Title **Serve the World** 1/3

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Micah 6:6-8 "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (NIV)

- ☉ Words of _____ ☉ Quality _____
- ☉ Receiving _____ ☉ Acts of _____
- ☉ Physical _____

1. The _____

Isaiah 58:2-3 "For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. 3 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?'" (NIV)

2. The _____

Micah 6:8 "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (NIV)

Isaiah 58:6,7

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Mark 17:11 "But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban' (that is, a gift devoted to God)..." (NIV)

Galatians 6:10 "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (NIV)

3. The _____

- vs. 8 "THEN your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear." (NIV)
- vs. 9 "THEN you will call out for help and I'll say, -Here I am." (Message)
- vs. 10 "THEN your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." (NIV)
- vs. 14 "THEN you be free to enjoy God!" (Message)

- Affirmation
- Time
- Gifts
- Service
- Touch
- 1-Question
- 2-Answer
- Justice
- Employees
- Family
- 3-Result