

GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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"Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives."

Sermon Recap

There is no way that we can read today's passage from Micah (Micah 3:1-12) and feel hopeful! Is that the point of Micah? Was it designed to call us out for our failures, especially for the ways we have failed others? While that doesn't feel the greatest, our answer might just be yes! That is precisely Micah's point. It is good accountability for us to be called out on the floor for the ways we have failed to live up to our covenant with God and our relational covenant with our neighbors. **Not all scripture is meant to give us warm fuzzy feelings.**

But, this is not the sole purpose of Micah. The prophet also shares a word of hope that responds directly to the "calling out" we find in the first part of the book. That *word of hope* sounds a little like this: **"It doesn't have to be this way."** In other words, we could *live* differently and we could *love* differently. Ultimately, *what does our vision for the future look like when we renew our covenant with God?* Once we can start to envision this, which Micah helps us do, we are left with the invitation to live into this vision. That is what we're doing today.

Applied to My Life:

Similar to Hosea, last week, Micah invites us to renew our relationship with God. Micah, however, goes a step further, imagining a future that is more in line with God. One such image can be found in Micah 4:3 – *"they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."*

It's more than just idealistic, but possible though God's guiding. What can you do, today, to...

- ...Personally live into this vision?
- ...Help your family live into this vision?
- ...Help the church/community live into this vision?
- ...Help the world live into this vision?

Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: