



# Service Devotional Guide

## July 12, 2020

*Start by praying and asking God to meet you in this passage, the sermon, and the reading and prayers. Then read the following passage several times.*

### **Micah 6: 6-8**

- 6 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?
- 7 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?
- 8 He has shown you, O mortal, 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.

### **Questions to Ponder**

1. Do you think of yourself as a “good” person? How important is it for others to think of you as a “good” person?
2. Rob said, “There is ONE big question” that Micah asks in Micah 6: 8? What is this question? How much time do you spend pondering this ONE big question?

3. What does the average person think about the definition of a “good life?” Why is God’s definition of GOODNESS more important than anyone else’s?
4. Rob said, “Giving stuff to God does not make you a good person.” What kind of things do we try to “give” to God in order to win his favour? Why isn’t God interested?
5. Rob said, “Suffering for your sins does not make you a good person.” Why doesn’t God demand payment for our sins in order to earn our goodness?
6. What does it mean to “do justice?” What does it mean to “love kindness?” Why is “walking humbly with God” necessary if you want to do either of these?
7. The takeaway: Rob said, “Goodness is as easy as 1, 2, 3.” What is the ONE big question? What are the TWO wrong answers? What are the THREE ways to lead a good life?

## **Closing Prayer**

Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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