



# DAILY READING NOTES TERM 3 2016

## GATHERED: MEMBERSHIP AND MICAH

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**We want to encourage each other to be on mission to our non-Christian friends, family and contacts.**

Who are you on mission to?

Make a list and start praying for them (and yourself).

**Pray for three friends, once a week, for one minute (3-1-1).**

List the names of your family and friends here:

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## How to use this book:

### 1. PERSONAL READING

- Use this guide to help you read your Bible every day.
- Scribble down your thoughts and questions each day, and remember to pray and ask God to speak to you by His Spirit, through His Word.

### 2. GROWTH GROUPS

- Take this guide with you to your Growth Group each week so you can write down prayer points that come from the study that week and prayer requests from the members of your group.
- Let your group know who you are on mission to.

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# INTRODUCTION

## GATHERED: MEMBERSHIP AND MICAH

### Membership

As we do church week in, week out, it's possible to forget the significance of what we're doing. It's possible to forget the 'why' and 'how' of doing church.

For the first three weeks of this term, we are looking at 'Membership'. In this mini series, starting at the very beginning of the Bible, we will see that the gathering of God's people is at the very heart and centre of God's purposes for the world; and what it means to be a member of God's gathered people.

Is church just about learning more stuff? Is church just an optional extra or bonus for Christians? No. The church is what Jesus died to create. It is God's great plan from eternity past. What an incredible gift of grace it is to belong to, and be a member of God's church!

### Micah

#### 'WHO' AND 'WHEN'

Micah was a loud and bold prophet from the small Judean country town of Moresheth. His ministry took place in the Southern Kingdom of Israel, during the reigns of the Judean kings, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, who ruled between 742-686BC (1:1). Micah preached during a time of greed and corruption. The rich and powerful in Judah were more concerned with material gain than looking after the weak, or with ruling according to God's law. God's patience with His people was almost up; Israel was on the brink of exile.

#### 'WHAT' AND 'WHY'

Country-boy Micah finds himself in the big city of Jerusalem, preaching against the morally bankrupt, covenant-forgetting leaders of God's people. Micah warned of a fast-approaching judgment on Samaria and Jerusalem because of Israel's corruption and indifference to God. However, like most Old Testament prophets, his warnings were also accompanied by messages of hope: A remnant would be restored, whose sins would be forgiven.

God would turn Israel's evil back on their heads – bringing war to their doorsteps, ultimately resulting in exile. During Micah's lifetime, the Israelites in Samaria would be deported into Assyria (722BC; Micah 1, 2 Kings 17), and

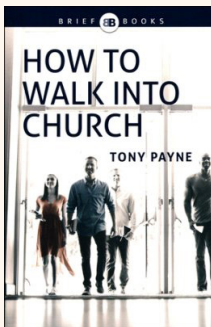
God's chosen city, Jerusalem, would be laid siege (701BC; 2 Kings 18-19). Much of Micah's preaching was concerning this latter event.

By contrast, the mercy and faithfulness of God meant He would gather a remnant back to Himself, as a shepherd gathers his sheep (2:12, 4:6, 7:18). This remnant would be ruled by a Great Shepherd King, born in Bethlehem (5:2).

Israel may have forgotten God, but God had not forgotten them. Micah urgently pleaded for them to return to the God of Israel, whose faithfulness was woven into Israel's very own history.

This is a sobering book, reminding us today of the sinfulness of humanity, and of our own ability to wander from the God who has done everything for us. But it should also fill us with awe and wonder at the mercy and grace of the promise-keeping God of the Bible, the God of our salvation.

## SUGGESTED READING



### ***How to Walk into Church*, by Tony Payne**

If you've been a churchgoer for more than just a few Sundays, walking into church probably doesn't seem like it deserves its own 'how to' manual. Right? In fact, it most likely seems like a pretty straightforward and trivial weekly activity.

But things are rarely as simple as they seem, and how you walk into church reveals a great deal about what you think church is, what it's for, and what you think you're doing there.

In *How to Walk into Church*, Tony Payne helps us think biblically about church. Along with giving plenty of other practical advice, he suggests a way to walk into church that beautifully expresses what church is and why you're there – a way that every Christian can master. This is a helpful book for all church-goers.

# WEEK 1 ONCE SCATTERED, NOW GATHERED

This week will be looking at God's work throughout the course of history to save a community of people for Himself. We begin in the second chapter of the Bible, which depicts a vivid and rich account of God creating humanity, and placing them in the perfect environment to enjoy relationship with God forever...

## DAY 1

### Read Genesis 2:4-25

1. It is no accident that God takes a desert (verse 5) and turns it into a garden; a beautiful sanctuary. Scan through the chapter again taking note of the different things God does to create the perfect environment for humanity.
  
2. It is telling that God's personal name, "The LORD", is used in this account. How else do we see God personally relating to the man and woman? (See chapter 3:8-9)
  
3. What does all this teach us about:
  - a. God's character?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. God's intention for humanity and our life together with God?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His tender care and beautiful intentions for humanity and the world. We were created for an intimate and fulfilling relationship together with Him. The LORD is good! Pray for a greater appreciation of God's beautiful creation, for all the good relationships you have, and, most importantly, for your relationship with Him.

## DAY 2

The life that God intended is portrayed to us in Genesis 2, only to be smashed by sin in Genesis 3. Humanity's relationship with God and with each other is abused and broken. God's righteous judgment on sin follows.

### Read Genesis 3:8-24

1. What was Adam's punishment?
2. The following passages all record God's judgment (or warning of judgment) for sin. How is God's punishment similar in each account?
  - Genesis 4:10-24
  - Genesis 11:1-9
  - Deuteronomy 4:25-27
  - Deuteronomy 4:64
3. Throughout Biblical history, God's punishment for sin has been to scatter people. To be together under God is His blessing. To be apart and away from God and each other is their curse. How does this fit with your understanding of life and the place of community?

**Prayer:** When we're reminded of sin we ought to say sorry again, and ask for God's forgiveness for sin in our lives. Thank God that He has forgiven us in Jesus. Thank Him also for not giving you what your sins deserve; that in Jesus we are no longer scattered away from Him and His people. The Lord is a merciful God!

# WEEK 1 ONCE SCATTERED, NOW GATHERED

## DAY 3

Yesterday we saw that God's punishment for sin was to scatter the guilty. In 587BC, God's people, the people of Judah, were exiled and scattered in Babylon because of their sin. At that time there was a prophet named Ezekiel who prophesied of God's gracious plan to save His people.

### Read Ezekiel 34

1. Why was the LORD angry with the "Shepherd's of Israel"? (Verses 1-7)
2. Looking at verses 11-16 and 22-24, how did the LORD plan to rescue His people?
3. How are verses 30-31 a reversing of the brokenness that sin brought into the world?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His plan to save sinful humanity by gathering a people back to Himself. Praise Him for saving you and your Christian brothers and sisters around you. Pray that God might grow you in your love for Him and your church family.



## DAY 4

1. Someone asks you, "Why did Jesus die?" How would you respond?

### Read John 11:45-53

2. What do verses 51-52 teach you about the purpose of Jesus' death? How does this challenge or confirm your normal thinking about why He died?
3. How is the death of Jesus the fulfilment of God's plan from Ezekiel 34 that we read yesterday? (See Ezekiel 34:11-13 if you need reminding).
4. Our culture is very individualistic, so it can be hard for us to think of ourselves as having any obligation or necessary commitment to any group or community. But if you are a Christian, you have been saved into a gathered people, the church. You are a 'gathered one'. What impact should this reality have on your life?

**Prayer:** Once scattered by sin, now gathered as God's people! Praise God for fulfilling His plan to save by gathering us through Jesus! Pray about your answer to Question 4. Ask for God's help to live in line with who you are now – a 'gathered one' in Christ Jesus.

# WEEK 1 ONCE SCATTERED, NOW GATHERED

## DAY 5

### Read Titus 2:11-14

1. According to Paul in verse 14, for what two reasons did Jesus (God!) give Himself over to death?
2. Think back to Genesis 3. When sin entered the world, our relationship with God and with each other was broken. People were bound to disobedience and disunity. How does the death of Jesus reverse those effects?
3. Jesus now has a people that are His very own. We belong to Him! What do verses 11-14 teach us about the life Jesus' people ought to live? Which of these virtues do you need to work on?

**Prayer.** We have been saved by Jesus, for Jesus. Pray that God would help you live for Jesus today in everything you do. Consider what you have on your schedule today or tomorrow, and how you might be godly, self-controlled, and upright throughout your day. Ask for God's help.

### THINKING FURTHER

How has your view of salvation been challenged or shaped this week? Consider the following: When someone becomes a Christian, what are we saved from? What are we saved to? How is this achieved?



## NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 2 GOD'S GREAT PLAN

Last week we considered how being gathered together is at the heart of the salvation we have in Jesus. This week we will step back and see how the creation of the Church is part of God's great and eternal plan.

## DAY 1

### Read Ephesians 1:1-6

1. Paul begins his letter by giving praise to God. For what particular reason does Paul praise God in verse 3?
2. Looking through verses 4-6, what are the spiritual blessings we have received in Christ?
3. How does verse 4 expand our understanding of the scope and magnitude of God's kindness in saving the church?
4. In what way has the church been in God's mind even before the creation of the world?

**Prayer:** Give thanks to God for loving us and for choosing to bless us as His people before we (and the world) even existed! Thank God that you have been caught up into His eternal plan to bless a people in Christ. Plead with God to pour out His blessings in Christ on many more people.

## DAY 2

### Read Ephesians 1:7-10

1. God's will for the universe has now been revealed. According to verses 9 and 10, what is His will?
  
2. God's great will and plan is to be "put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment", and it includes "all things in heaven and on earth." Yet He is working towards that ultimate goal even now. Where do we see unity under Christ today?
  
3. It can be difficult to think of the church as God's great plan for all time, because on the surface it just looks like a random bunch of ordinary people! What would it mean for you to consider the church as God's great plan for all time?

**Prayer.** Praise God for the amazing blessing of being part of His great and glorious plan for all time – being part of the people brought together under King Jesus. Ask God to help you view the church the way He does.

# WEEK 2 GOD'S GREAT PLAN

## DAY 3

### Read Ephesians 2:1-10

1. Verse 6 speaks of a profound spiritual reality that has occurred for all believers. What is that reality?
2. What was God's intention in seating us with Christ in the heavenly realms? (Verse 7)
3. Consider the following quote by F. F. Bruce:

*"Throughout time and in eternity the church, this society of pardoned rebels, is designed by God to be the masterpiece of his goodness."*

What does this bring forth within you? How should this knowledge shape you?

**Prayer:** For all eternity, we will be praising God together for his glorious grace, and the church will be an everlasting testimony of that grace. Praise God for his grace now. Ask the Lord to fill you with joy because of His immeasurable kindness to you and His people. If you have seen how you may need to change in any way, ask for the Lord's strength and help.

## DAY 4

Today's passage considers the creation of a new humanity, achieved through the death of Jesus.

### Read Ephesians 2:11-18

1. Verses 11-13 present the dire situation the Gentiles once lived in. What was their situation?
2. How has their situation now changed in relation to the Jews and to God?
3. Verse 15 gives us another insight into the purpose of the cross of Christ. What was the purpose?
4. Have you ever considered that by being a member of God's church, you are part of a 'new humanity', one that uniquely has peace with God? How does that help you think about the significance of being part of this people?

**Prayer.** Pray for a deep gratitude to the Lord for your salvation into a new humanity that knows peace – with God and one another. Plead with God to bring more people into this community of peace. Consider how you might help others to gather and be a part of this community, and pray accordingly.

# WEEK 2 GOD'S GREAT PLAN

## DAY 5

Ephesians 3 brings further insight into the place of the church in the eternal purposes of God.

### Read Ephesians 3:7-13

1. God intends to display His wisdom in the heavenly realms. How does He do this? (See verse 10)
2. What makes the church the display of God's manifold wisdom? (Consider 2:4-5 and 3:6)
3. As you sit in church on the weekend, God's wisdom is being displayed for the entire universe to see! How does this shape the way you think about church, and the importance of you and others gathering together?

**Prayer:** Pray that God would help you value what He values. Pray with great confidence that God would be glorified each and every time the church comes together.





# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 3 THE LIFE OF GOD'S PEOPLE TOGETHER

In our final week in this mini series, we will consider what the life of God's people together ought to look like.

## DAY 1

### Read Ephesians 4:1-6

1. Make a list of the different things Paul commands of the Ephesian church.
2. When do you find it easy, and when do you find it difficult, to do these things in the church? (Such as being humble, gentle, patient, and bearing with one another.)
3. Christians are in a bond of peace (verse 3). What is the basis of this peace? (See Ephesians 2:13-17)
4. How do verses 4-6 also help you to see why it is so important that we bear with one another, and are humble and patient?

**Prayer:** Which of these virtues do you particularly need to ask for God's help? Ask God because He is willing! He has given us His Spirit to help us. Pray for us as a church, that we together would live a life worthy of our calling – the calling of being the redeemed, reconciled, and raised people of God!

## DAY 2

In today's passage, Paul speaks of the different gifts for service that Christ has given to the church, so that the church might be built and nurtured in its faith in Jesus.

### Read Ephesians 4:7-16

1. Focusing on verses 11-13, what task are the apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors/teachers to achieve?
2. Paul assumes that God's people serve each other. In his mind, service is simply a normal and necessary part of Christian life. From verses 12-13, why do/should we serve?
3. It takes a selflessness and determined resolve to achieve "the unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God", because it takes each individual serving for the maturity of the whole church. How might you serve the people of God this week for our maturity as a whole people? How could you do this both formally and informally?

**Prayer:** Pray for our church, that we would be servant-hearted, and that we might therefore become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

# WEEK 3 THE LIFE OF GOD'S PEOPLE TOGETHER

## DAY 3

### Read Ephesians 4:11-16

1. Becoming 'mature' is mentioned twice in today's passage as the outcome to be sought. What do you notice about who is becoming mature?
2. It is striking that maturity is a 'we' thing: it is a church thing, not just an individual thing. How does this shape your understanding of how maturity is sought? (See verse 15)
3. How does verse 16 either encourage or challenge you (or both!) in your service of others?
4. The maturity God desires for us is the body of Christ becoming mature (verses 13, 15). In one regard, our personal maturity is directly related to the maturity of our brothers and sisters in the church. How might you love and serve so that we might become the mature body of Christ even today?
5. Sometimes people have a 'spectator' or 'consumer' attitude to church. Why doesn't this attitude fit with today's passage? (Consider verses 15 and 16)

**Prayer.** Praise God for the incredible unity He has called us to as the body of Christ. Ask Him for a greater heart for His people, and for help and perseverance in service.

## DAY 4

In our passage today, Paul spells out in detail how the body of Christ should live, in keeping with the unity we have been called to (Ephesians 4:1-3).

### Read Ephesians 4:17-5:2

1. Paul insists that we ought not behave like the Gentiles do. What reasons does he give for this? What change has occurred? (Verses 17-24)
  
2. Since we now know the truth of the Lord Jesus, we are urged to put off certain behaviour that is unfitting with a life of holiness and unity (verses 25-31). Are you guilty of any of these behaviours towards members of the body of Christ? How could you both prayerfully and practically repent of these behaviours?
  
3. From verses 4:32-5:2, how does the love of God in Christ help us to love?

**Prayer.** Those who have been loved by God in Christ have experienced the greatest love imaginable... The costly, self-sacrificial love of the infinitely valuable Son of God! Praise the Father and the Son for their unfathomable love! Plead with God to make you a person of love – especially for the body of Christ. Repent of any sin, and ask for God's help to honour Him.





# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 4 MICAH 1

This week, we begin our time in Micah. Much can be learnt of the context of this book from just the first verse! Today will set the scene for the weeks ahead.

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 1:1

1. From just verse 1, what can we learn about:
  - a. Who this word came from?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. When in history it was spoken?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. What it is concerning?

At this point in Israel's history, God's people were divided into two separate Kingdoms – Israel and Judah. Samaria and Jerusalem were their respective capital cities. The kings mentioned in verse one are kings of Judah. See 2 Kings 15 for a snapshot of Judah during this time.

2. Read 2 Kings 15:32-16:4. What is distressing about the situation in Judah at the time of Micah's prophesying?

**Prayer:** What will follow in Micah is a series of warnings of judgments at Israel's and Judah's sin, because God takes evil and rebellion very seriously. Thank God that He is a God of goodness, not of evil. Praise Him also for being a God who speaks – and for speaking words of warning to His people.



## DAY 2

The first chapter of Micah is made up of two poems (1:2-9 and 1:10-16), both warning of coming disaster. Verses 2-5 are the first stanza of the first poem.

### Read Micah 1:2-5

1. In verse 2, all the peoples of the earth are called to hear; for what reason?
2. Verses 3-4 describe a theophany – the appearing of God. What effect does this appearing of God have on nature?
3. How does this imagery enlarge your view of God? How does it help you see God more clearly?
4. “All this is because of Jacob’s transgression, because of the sins of the people of Israel” (verse 5). Imagine you were an Israelite hearing this prophecy. What reaction would this evoke in you, considering the powerful presence of God as He arrives because of your sin?

**Prayer.** The LORD is powerful, majestic and holy beyond all comprehension. It is so tragic that so many people today have such a small view of Him. How can you praise God for His power today? Is there sin that you need to repent of today? Pray about these things, remembering the mercy we have in the Lord Jesus.

# WEEK 4 MICAH 1

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 1:6-9

1. Verse 3-4 spoke of God coming from Heaven, and the devastating effects on the Earth. From verses 6-7, what would this coming of God look like in actual historical events?
2. God utterly smashes Samaria's idolatrous objects of worship. What does this reveal about God's concern for humanity's religious practices?
3. The only true way to worship God is in spirit and in truth – the truth of the Lord Jesus (see John 4:23-26). Are you ever tempted to rely on external things or actions to make you okay before God? How?
4. Micah is distressed and mourns because the same idolatrous sin of Samaria is also in Jerusalem. What must he be expecting for Judah's capital?

**Prayer:** Praise God that we can approach Him freely now through the Lord Jesus. Ask Him to help you cling to Jesus for all your days. Pray for a more compassionate heart for the lost, who are currently headed for God's righteous judgment. Plead with God to save many more people.

## DAY 4

2 Kings 17 reports what Micah 1:6-7 warns of – Samaria’s punishment for her sin, which occurred by the hands of Assyria in 722 BC.

### Read 2 Kings 17:1-23

1. What happened to Samaria and the Israelites living there?
2. What explanation is given in this chapter for why they were exiled to Assyria?
3. Despite God’s justice in punishing their sin, we also see what great patience God had with Israel before He finally punished them. In what ways was God patient with them? (See verses 12-13, 22).
4. 2 Peter 3:15 says, “Bear in mind that the Lord’s patience means salvation”. Even today God is being patient with people, holding off from sending Jesus the Judge, so that more might be forgiven before that time. How should this shape the way you think about life today?

**Prayer.** Praise God for His justice, but also for His patience! Thank God for not giving us as our sins deserve. Ask for help in living a life that seeks to see others come to know forgiveness in Jesus. Ask Him to save many more people.

# WEEK 4 MICAH 1

## DAY 5

Micah 1:10-16 is the second poem of this chapter. It warns of devastation to come to the towns that surrounded Jerusalem.

### Read Micah 1:10-16

1. The trouble is getting closer... These are country towns surrounding Moresheth, Micah's hometown (verse 1 and 14), in the region just west of Jerusalem. What effect would these words have on someone hearing them in Jerusalem?
2. Tragically, all that was spoken here came to fruition in 701 BC, when Sennacherib, the King of Assyria, overran this entire region, except for Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 32). What similar response does Micah command the people in verse 16 that we saw in the previous poem (1:2-9)?
3. How would a faithful Israelite respond to the devastating news that the depths of the nation's sin will lead to their children going into exile?

**Prayer:** When faced with God's reaction to our sin we cannot but turn to Him in repentance and dependence – knowing that our sin is truly vile, and that He is truly just and good. Praise God for His character, and ask Him to help you have a right response to sin in your life.

Ask Him to help you cling to Jesus for forgiveness throughout your life.

*"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!"*



# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 5 MICAH 2

In the eighth century BC, Judah grew in wealth and prosperity due to the success of King Uzziah. Selfish materialism emerged as many people greedily sought to own more and more land.

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 2:1-5

1. What is the evil these people in power have committed?
2. How is their punishment fitting for the crime? (Verse 4)
3. What is ironic about the people's exclamation in the taunt song – "my people's possession is divided up; He takes it from me!"?
4. What do you learn about God from the way He deals with this people?

**Prayer:** John Calvin said, "It is the peculiar office of God to render to each the measure of evil they have brought on others." How desperately we need God to be merciful to us! In this passage, we can relate to both the victims who need justice, and the evil-doers who deserve punishment. Thank God for being both the God of justice and of mercy!

## DAY 2

The possession of land for the people of Israel came directly from God as their inheritance back when they first entered the land of Canaan (Joshua 18). Land portions were decided by allotment, and would then be handed down from generation to generation. Although the situation in 1 Kings 21 occurred a century before Micah prophesied, it illustrates how scandalous it was to take someone's land in Israel (Micah 2:2).

### Read 1 Kings 21:1-19

1. What do you learn from Naboth's reaction to King Ahab's request for his land? (Verse 3)
2. There is a great lesson to be learnt from this situation about the dangers of greed and coveting. What further evils did Ahab's coveting lead to?
3. God's hatred of coveting is clear in the Bible. It is one of the fundamental evils to be avoided (one of the ten commandments – Deuteronomy 5:21), which God condemns in both 1 Kings 21 and Micah 2:3. When are you tempted to covet?
4. How does having a relationship with God through Jesus help us to be content?

**Prayer:** Pray for God's forgiveness for the times we are greedy and covet things we have not been given. Ask God to help you be content, so that you can say along with Paul, "I have learnt be to content no matter the circumstances" (Philippians 4:11).<sup>4</sup>

# WEEK 5 MICAH 2

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 2:6-11

1. This passage opens and closes with comments about the prophets of the time. What impression of them do you get from Micah's comments?
2. How is Micah's message so far been adverse to the words of these prophets?
3. What similar ideas and themes do you notice between this passage and the passage before it (2:1-5)?
4. When Micah describes the crimes of this people in verse 8, he says, "Lately my people have risen up...". The punishment dealt to them in verse 10 starts with "Get up" (or 'arise'). How does the punishment correspond to the crime?

**Prayer:** Those who rise against God's people are to rise and leave the land – once again we see God's justice! We are also reminded of the need for faithfulness in those in power and positions of leadership. As you pray, praise God for His justice, and pray for those who are in positions of leadership – in politics, in church, in families. Pray for faithfulness, and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through our leaders, and even despite our leaders' failures.



## DAY 4

In Micah 2, the prophets presumed on God's favour because of their covenant relationship with Him – all the while ignoring the fact that the people had broken the covenant laws by their coveting, theft and mistreatment of their neighbours. In 1 John 1, Christians are warned not to make the same mistake.

### Read 1 John 1:8-2:6

1. In 1:8-10, what sad reality about humanity is owned and not ignored?
2. Despite this, what sure hope and security is offered for those who confess their sins? (See especially 1:9 and 2:1-2)
3. Looking at 2:3-6, how does a Christian demonstrate that they have truly come to know God?
4. It is helpful to remember that 2:3-4 comes directly after an acknowledgement that we will still sin in this life, but that we can be forgiven in Jesus. Why then is it still imperative to live in obedience to God?

**Prayer.** Are there sins in your life that you are ignoring? Are there ways in which you are presuming on God's grace and not walking in the truth? Spend time praying, confessing sin, asking for God's help to walk obediently with Him, and thanking God for the forgiveness we are assured of in Christ Jesus.

# WEEK 5 MICAH 2

## DAY 5

### Read Micah 2:12-13

1. Today's passage shows the first glimmer of hope so far in the book. What hope is offered?
2. How will this gathering and 'breaking through the gate' come about?
3. Consider what has come before these verses so far in Micah. Why is it surprising to hear of the LORD promising to save?
4. It is likely that this prophecy found its fulfilment in the events of 2 Kings 19, when in one night the LORD struck down 185,000 men from the army of Assyria, which had besieged Jerusalem (see especially 2 King 19:30-31). What does this teach about God's control over all events?

**Prayer:** Give thanks to God for His immeasurable power and incredible grace. Praise God for being gracious to you in the Lord Jesus – forgiving you and becoming your King (verse 13).



# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 6 MICAH 3

In Chapter 3, Micah focuses on, and condemns, the corrupt leadership in Israel.

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 3:1-12

1. We will focus on verses 1-4 today. Who is Micah addressing in these verses, and how does he describe them?
2. In Micah 2:12-13, God promises to be Israel's leader and saviour. How does 3:1-4 build anticipation towards that great event?
3. Micah uses powerful and alarming metaphors to describe Israel's corrupt practices. He has likely referred to them ignoring the cries of the powerless as they are dispossessed of their homes (see 2:2 and 9). How will God give these judges a taste of their own medicine (verse 4)?
4. It is striking that such evil men still profess to be followers of God, calling out to ask Him for help when in distress. How is this a warning for people today who claim Jesus as Lord yet walk in disobedience to him? (See Matthew 7:21-22 for further reflection.)

**Prayer.** Praise God for His justice in punishing the wicked. Ask God to help you to faithfully follow your king, Christ Jesus, all your life – that you might demonstrate your true dependence on the Lord Jesus by your deeds.

## DAY 2

When the Israelites were led by Moses out of Egypt, he appointed judges over the people. Deuteronomy 1 describes what these men were to do.

### Read Deuteronomy 1:9-18

1. What do you learn about:
  - a. The kind of character these men were meant to have?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What they were meant to do?
  
2. How did the Judges of Micah's time stackup against these requirements?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. The prophet, Isaiah, prophesied during the same era as Micah. He spoke of a new leader that God would send. Read Isaiah 9:6-7.
  - a. What do you learn about the character and identity of this leader?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. What will he do and how is he greater than the leaders of Micah's day?

**Prayer.** Praise and thank God for sending this promised leader, the Great God-man Jesus! How might you seek to obey your perfect and powerful Lord today? Ask God for this help.

# WEEK 6 MICAH 3

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 3:5-8

1. To whom does Micah now turn his attention, and what is his issue with them?
2. Compare verse 7 with verse 4. How is God's plan for the prophets similar to His plan for the wicked rulers?
3. In verse 8, Micah's ministry comes into view. What did faithful preaching look like in Micah's day?
4. How is this message of repentance still the same message needed today? (See Acts 2:36-41 for an example of the Apostles' preaching.)

**Prayer:** Pray for a great and powerful work of the Spirit today – to call many people to repent of sin and believe the Lord and Saviour Jesus. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit to boldly speak God's word to the people around you.

## DAY 4

### Read Micah 3:9-12

1. In what way is this last stanza (verses 9-12) a summary of verses 1-8?
2. From verse 11, how was Israel's leaders' understanding of their relationship with God wrong?
3. Jesus comes as the better and great leader, priest and prophet (verse 11), yet He was treated like one of these wicked leaders. Consider 2 Corinthians 5:21 – "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Why was the righteous leader, Jesus treated like the unrighteous?
4. In what way is Jesus the answer to your every need?

**Prayer.** Thank God for his son Jesus – our Lord, our High Priest, our prophet of truth, our Saviour. Ask God to help you honour Jesus today.

# WEEK 6 MICAH 3

## DAY 5

The prophet, Jeremiah, began his ministry a few decades after Micah. Jeremiah 26 records the effects that Micah's preaching from Micah 3 had on Israel and the King.

### Read Jeremiah 26:1-19

1. What was Jeremiah's message, and why did it get him into trouble? (See verses 1-9)
2. How was Jeremiah's message similar to Micah's? (Compare verses 6 and 18)
3. Verse 18 includes a direct quote of Micah 3:12. What effect did his preaching have on the king of the time? (See verse 19)
4. How is this an encouragement?

**Prayer:** Praise God for using Micah, and making his message effective in the heart of King Hezekiah. Pray for effective preaching and speaking of the gospel message today, and that God would soften hearts to heed the call to repent from sin. Pray for those around you who have not yet repented.





# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 7 MICAH 4

The tone of chapter 4 takes a positive shift – almost entirely prophesying about the future rescue and glory that God shall bring to Jerusalem.

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 4:1-5

1. In chapter 3, the leaders in Jerusalem brought about only corruption and devastation. How will things change for the better for Jerusalem?
2. Verses 3 and 4 depict peace and safety among all peoples, even across different nations. What would bring this about?
3. What is something to be encouraged by in verse 5? How are you encouraged by this verse?

**Prayer:** Praise God for the goodness of His lordship, as He rules His people by His righteous word. Praise Him also that those who know Him through Jesus will walk in His name forever and ever! Ask God to help you obey His word today.

## DAY 2

The book of Nehemiah records Israel's return to Jerusalem from exile.

### Read Nehemiah 8

1. Like many Old Testament prophecies, Micah 4:1-5 has multiple levels of fulfilment. How could these events in Nehemiah 8 be seen as a fulfilment of Micah 4:2 – “The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem”?
2. How do the people respond to hearing God's word?

While the word of the Lord does go out again, God's people still don't have the peace prophesied in Micah 4. In fact, the book ends with the people once again ignoring God's ways declared in His word.

### Read Luke 24:44-47

3. How is Micah 4:1-5 fulfilled on a deeper level here?
4. How has seeing this passage today helped you understand the way the Bible operates? (See Luke 24:44 especially.)

**Prayer:** Thank God for the Lord Jesus, that all of the Bible points towards and is fulfilled in him. Praise God that the gospel word went out from Jerusalem 2,000 years and has reached us today, bringing us the greatest peace – peace with God!

# WEEK 7 MICAH 4

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 4:6-8

1. How is this prophecy different in tone and in kind from what Micah prophesied beforehand? (Consider 1:16, 2:3, and 3:12 for further insight.)
2. How is God's great mercy and kindness seen in these promises?
3. Again there is a partial fulfilment and a greater fulfilment in these promises. How is Micah's prophecy in 4:6-8 partially fulfilled in Ezra 1:1-4?
4. It was a powerful work of God to gather back His people from their exile in Babylon. But there was, and is, an even grander work of God in gathering and assembling a people. How is this prophecy ultimately fulfilled through Jesus? (See Revelation 21:2.)

**Prayer:** How does this passage encourage you in your salvation? How does it help you in your love for God? Pray to God, giving thanks and asking for help to live according to your answers.

## DAY 4

### Read Micah 4:9-10

1. Micah is using satire as he questions why the people are in distress. What might he be implying about their human kings?
2. Considering that Israel's kings had failed to lead them properly, what does Micah's satire in verse 9 also imply about them and their faith?
3. Despite the coming disaster, what hope is offered, and how does this hope encourage them to follow God again?
4. Read Colossians 1:13-14. How has God done a similar (and yet an even greater) work for us now in his Son?

**Prayer.** Pray in thanksgiving to God for His promise to rescue and redeem the Israelites from their enemies back then, and for spiritually rescuing and redeeming us today in Jesus. Ask God to help you follow Him faithfully and joyfully today in the knowledge of your forgiveness and salvation!

# WEEK 7 MICAH 4

## DAY 5

### Read Micah 4:11-13

1. Who does Micah now focus on, and what are they doing?
2. Despite this distress of Israel's enemies gathering against them, how is God seen to still be in control of the situation?
3. How are the roles of Jerusalem and their enemies reversed in verse 13?
4. The people of Jerusalem enjoyed the promise of a physical victory in warfare. Christians today aren't promised this sort of victory. Rather, we are found in the Great Victor, the Lord Jesus, and no physical threat can separate us from Him (see Romans 8:35-38). How does this truth help you live as a Christian today?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His sovereign rule, and His kindness to Israel and to His people today! Pray that the Lord would keep you trusting in Jesus throughout your life.



# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 8 MICAH 5

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 5:1-6

1. What can we learn about this new ruler to come? (That is, where he comes from; what he'll do, etc.)
2. Imagine you are a Jew in Jerusalem, which is under siege by the powerful Assyrian army. What effect might these words have on you? (See verses 4-6 especially.)
3. In Micah 3, the leaders of Judah were utterly wicked. In 4:9, Micah subtly mocks their king. In 5:1, their king will be hit with the rod... Their leadership is horribly failing! What will be different about this new ruler? (See verse 4.)
4. In view of Israel's terrible leadership, and the sinfulness of the people, what does this promise of a Great Ruler, who will know and follow God, and rule in His strength teach you about God Himself?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His mercy and kindness to His people. Praise Him for His determination to save people, even while they were ungodly! Give thanks to Him for saving you even when you were His enemy (Romans 5:8, Colossians 1:21-22)



## DAY 2

Micah 5:2 promises a ruler from the house of Bethlehem, whose origins are from times of old. Micah intended his hearers to think of King David.

### Read 2 Samuel 7:8-17

1. What big promise is made to David?
2. How might these words of Micah – “whose origins are from of old” – relate to this promise to David?

Historically, it doesn't seem like Micah's promise of this Davidic Ruler was fulfilled during his lifetime. The Assyrians were stopped from crushing Jerusalem (2 Kings 19), but it wasn't because of a new king (Micah 5:5). The prophecy looked forward to an undefined time.

3. Read Matthew 2:1-6. Who does Matthew understand the king from Micah 5 to be?
4. Jesus is the great ruler who brings peace and shepherds in the strength and majesty of God! How does this help your understanding of Jesus and of your relationship with him?

**Prayer:** Thank God for the Great King Jesus. Ask God to help you live in joyful and humble obedience to your King.

# WEEK 8 MICAH 5

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 5:7-9

1. How does Micah suggest that the remnant will have both a positive and negative impact on the nations around them? (See verses 7 and 8 respectively.)
2. Why might it seem unlikely that this remnant would become triumphant in the midst of the great nations around them?

Those belonging to the remnant that would later return from exile in Babylon would have puzzled over this verse. The remnant didn't become a great and powerful conqueror, and by the 1st Century AD the Romans were ruling over God's people.

3. Read Colossians 2:13-15. What are the enemies spoken of here that Jesus triumphed over?
4. How might Micah 5:9 be interpreted in view of the cross?

**Prayer:** It's in the cross of Christ that we have triumph over our greatest enemies. Sin, evil spiritual forces, and death were all defeated for us, in the death of Jesus. How might this shape your day today? Pray in light of your answer.

## DAY 4

### Read Micah 5:10-15

1. From these verses, how would you summarise what God planned to do?
2. Psalm 20:7 says, “Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God”. How does this verse help you understand Micah 5:10? What does this verse tell you about Israel’s relationship with God at this point?
3. What does this passage teach us about God?
4. How does seeing God’s anger at Judah’s self-sufficiency and idolatry help you to think rightly about God’s world today?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His justice, and for making clear to us what He is against. Ask Him to increase your humble dependence on Him for all things in life. Pray that God would help you be content and secure as someone who is in Christ.

# WEEK 8 MICAH 5

## DAY 5

Micah 5:15 says, "I will take vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations that have not obeyed me." This theme is picked up again in 2 Thessalonians, but in the context of the revealed gospel of Christ.

### Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

1. Who are those who will be punished? What reason is given for their punishment?
2. In verse 6 (and also throughout Micah), God is concerned that His people are suffering unjustly, and will act in justice in retribution. How does this help you understand the severity of God's judgment?
3. Despite the terribly sobering vision portrayed here by Paul, what is the flipside of this future scene that is tremendously encouraging and exciting?
4. In view of this coming future reality, how can we live our lives appropriately now in the present (hint: verses 11-12)? What would this look like for you today?

**Prayer:** Pray that your life would glorify the Lord Jesus, in godliness and faith. Pray for those you know who do not yet know God, that they would be saved.



# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 9 MICAH 6:1-7:7

**Micah 6:1 marks the beginning of the last of the three big oracles of Micah (1:1, 3:1 and 6:1 start each section). This final section of Micah once again faces the brutal reality of Judah's sin and the punishment to come, but concludes with reflections on the grace and faithfulness of God, who delights to show mercy and save His people.**

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 6:1-5

1. Once again Micah returns to judicial language. It's God versus Israel. From verses 3-5, what impression do we get of God and of Israel?
2. What does it mean that God 'redeemed' Israel from slavery? What does this redemption suggest about how Israel would relate to God thereafter?
3. What response from Israel is implied from verse 3?
4. Israel had a special covenant relationship with God, owing their very freedom to Him. But they can be viewed as an example of all humanity. Each of us owes everything we have to our creator God, yet we fall short of living lives worthy of His kindness to us. How does this encourage you to continue clinging to Jesus for forgiveness, and how should it shape your view of humanity?

**Prayer:** Pray in light of your answer to question 4.

## DAY 2

### Read Joshua 24:1-15

1. Micah 6:5 recalls the events surrounding Balak and Balaam as a way of reminding Israel of God's provision of care and grace to them. What happened with Balak and Balaam, and how was God at work for Israel's good? (See Joshua 24:9-10.)
2. "Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD" (Micah 6:5). These righteous acts are recorded for us in Joshua 24. What is the charge to the Israelites that follows on from these righteous deeds? (See verse 14-15.)
3. Spend some time considering God's goodness towards you in salvation and in all good things you have received. Perhaps write down the things for which you are grateful to God. How does this list move you in both a heart response to God and in your behaviour?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His many kindnesses to you, especially for forgiving you in Christ Jesus, and accepting you despite your sin. Pray that you would live a life of joy and gratitude to the Lord.

# WEEK 9 MICAH 6:1-7:7

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 6:6-8

1. Verses 6 and 7 represent the thinking of Micah's generation. Essentially, they want to buy God's forgiveness, as though God is just another person to manipulate for self-gain. How is this particularly grotesque in light of verses 3-5?
2. From verse 8, how does the address "O mortal" put the irreverent speakers of verses 6-7 in their place?
3. The right way of life that God requires is laid out in verse 8. How is this form of life different to the attitude displayed in verses 6-7?
4. This kind of personal relationship with God is meant to be found in every Christian. Through Jesus, we have been brought to know God and to have His commands written on our hearts (see Hebrews 8:8-12 for further thinking). But this is only by grace. How does Micah 6:6-8 teach you again of your need for forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation with God through Jesus?

**Prayer:** Give thanks to the Lord for His mercy to us, for if we were left to ourselves we would speak the same words of verses 6-7! Thank Him that although we fall short of His glory, in Christ Jesus He does not count our sins against us. Pray that you would follow Him carefully, humbly and obediently today.



## DAY 4

### Read Micah 6:9-16

1. Why do you think verse 13 begins with the word “therefore”? (How are verses 13-15 a response to verses 9-12?)
2. How is verse 16 a summary of verses 9-15?
3. Which attribute of God is clearly seen here, and why is it such an important part of who God is?

**Prayer.** Praise God for His justice – He will not let the guilty go unpunished (except through His Son’s substitutionary death for those who trust in Him). How does God’s justice help you rest in a sinful and broken world? Pray in light of your answer.

# WEEK 9 MICAH 6:1-7:7

## DAY 5

### Read Micah 7:1-7

1. This passage is a lament. What is the reason behind the sorrow expressed?
2. If this lament were written to teach you about humanity and our nature, what would be the big lessons to learn?
3. In contrast to evil humanity, how does this lament present God and the right way to relate to Him?
4. In what ways do you need to keep looking to God? What does this look like for you in this particular season of your life?

**Prayer:** Thank God that He can be counted on; that He is trustworthy and good, always. Ask for help to continue to depend on Him for all things.



# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# WEEK 10 MICAH 7:8-20

The book of Micah concludes with a victory song, looking forward to the salvation of God, and celebrating His grace in forgiving and shepherding His people.

## DAY 1

### Read Micah 7:8-10

1. Micah is most likely speaking on behalf of Jerusalem while it's under siege by the Assyrians (2 Kings 18-19). What are the honest facts that God's special city finally faces about her situation?
2. Although Jerusalem is sitting "in darkness", she finally admits her sins, and looks forward in hope. What gives her confidence about her future?
3. In what ways can Christians today relate to the sentiment of these verses? (For example, "Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the Lord will be my light.")
4. Reading these verses now in light of the first coming of the Lord Jesus, how might they be interpreted as referring to Him?

**Prayer:** Are there things you need to repent of? Praise the Lord for His mercy in forgiving those who acknowledge their sins and turn to Jesus in repentance and faith. Thank God also that Jesus bore the wrath of God in our place, and rose that we might live!

## DAY 2

In today's verses, Micah seems to switch gears again, now speaking to Jerusalem instead of from Jerusalem's perspective.

### Read Micah 7:11-13

1. From verse 13, what is happening to the earth, and why?
2. The building of walls in verse 11 implies safety. In contrast to the desolation of the earth, what does this indicate about Jerusalem?
3. Verse 12 refers to the role of Israel on this terrifying day. How does Micah 4:2 help you understand Micah 7:12?
4. If this prophecy finds its ultimate fulfilment in the final judgment of the earth, it is from Jerusalem that refuge is found. The New Testament records the gospel of Jesus going out all over the world, starting from Jerusalem. It's through this gospel that the forgiveness of sins is found (Luke 24:45-49). How is this reminder of the final judgment, and the forgiveness that is found in Christ, both a challenge and a comfort to you today?

**Prayer.** Pray in light of your response to question 4.

# WEEK 10 MICAH 7:8-20

## DAY 3

### Read Micah 7:14-17

1. Verse 14 is a prayer for the Lord to shepherd His people once more. Considering the immense guilt of this people (remember 7:2-6), how is God's response in verse 15 surprising?
2. While God's grace to this sinful people is astounding, it is also characteristic of God the Shepherd, in keeping with the previous shepherd passages in Micah (see 2:11-12, and 4:6-8). Are you joyful in the Lord's shepherding of you each day? What might you do today to remind yourself of God's leading of you through His Spirit and Word?
3. Speaking on behalf of Jerusalem, Micah's pleads with the Lord to lead them and protect during invasion and war. What hope is offered for Jerusalem in verses 16-17?
4. This hope of defeat of Judah's enemies sits in the context of verse 20, which recognises God's faithfulness to His covenant promises. Why is God's faithfulness to His word such a wonderful truth for a people who have sinned?

**Prayer:** Praise God for His faithfulness – even though humanity has sinned, God promised to save a people for Himself. Praise God for His kindness in saving you by making you a member of His church.

## DAY 4

### Read Micah 7:18-20

1. Interestingly, the name 'Micah' means, 'Who is like the Lord'; words also found in this conclusion to the book. As we read these final words, what is the big take-home message we're left with?
2. Let this word of God's forgiveness, mercy and compassion fill you with joy and assurance of God's love! How might this reminder help you in your present circumstances?
3. We must think of Jesus when we read these words about God pardoning sin; for it is in the cross of Christ that God can both be just and justify sinners (Romans 3:25-26). How, then, does Micah 7:18-20 help you trust in the Lord Jesus?

**Prayer.** Praise God for His character, His deeds, and His love. Consider and pray about how you might live in faithfulness to the Lord Jesus today.

# WEEK 10 MICAH 7:8-20

## DAY 5

When God led the Israelites out of Egypt through the Red Sea, Moses celebrated this victory in a song. Micah repeats elements of Moses' song in chapter 7.

### Read Exodus 15:1-18

1. What similarities do you see between Exodus 5:1-15 and Micah 7:15-20? Consider the following verses from Exodus 15:
  - Verse 1
  - Verse 11
  - Verse 13
2. Unlike Micah's song in chapter 7, Exodus 15 looked back on events that had already happened; celebrating things the Lord had already done. Micah looks forward to what God will do in the future. How does incorporating elements of Moses' victory song into Micah's own song help Micah's hearers take heart and be confident in the Lord?
3. As those who now have the knowledge of the gospel of Christ Jesus, we have seen God fulfil His promises of salvation from the Old Testament. He has been faithful to Jacob and Abraham (7:20); He has pardoned our sin and forgiven our transgressions (7:18); He has made the church the remnant of His inheritance (7:18). How does the faithfulness of God help you to walk humbly and faithfully with Him today?

**Prayer.** Give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness, and His mercy and grace. Ask Him to help you walk humbly, faithfully, obediently, and joyfully with Him today.





# NOTES AND PRAYER POINTS

# EV MISSION PARTNERS



## **Derek and Anna - Southeast Asia (OMF)**

Derek and Anna (Liam, Jasmine and Juliet) are working in theological education and cross-cultural worker mobilisation in Southeast Asia. Derek continues with his classes in a local Bible college and is starting to train people to reach out to minority ethnic groups where there is no church. They are also trying to reach out to their local community, developing friendships and reading the Bible with those interested.



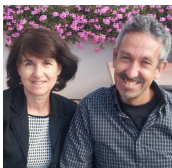
## **Colin and Jill Bakon - SIM: Latin American Ministry**

Colin's two roles are in church mobilisation in Latin America where he is raising up national teams to run Kairos, with special focus this year on Ecuador and Peru. He is also working with a taskforce in SIM (Serving In Mission), to mobilise for new initiatives within SIM. This will see work happening in areas where there is no church, and development of missionaries being sent out from all countries where SIM works in Africa, Asia and Latin America.



## **Kirstin Hawkshaw - CMS Missionary in Nepal**

Kirstin works as an Occupational Therapist in Pokhara, Nepal seeking to be salt and light as she trains locals and cares for people with disabilities through a community rehabilitation program. She is praying for many more opportunities through church, work and life to be a witness to Jesus and to be discipling Christians in the relatively young-but-vibrant church of Nepal.



## **Paul and Sandra King - Strasbourg, France (CMS)**

Paul and Sandra are thriving in their university ministry in Strasbourg and somewhat newer ministry in a local church plant. They serve alongside French Christians in the University Bible Group (GBU), involving the training of Uni students in evangelism, discipling, and teaching the Bible. The church planting work includes a coffee shop and teaching English to connect the church with people in the community.



## **Martin and Jen Shadwick - AFES Newcastle Uni**

Martin and Jen (Hannah and Evie) work full time with AFES at Newcastle University discipling and training Christian students. Martin continues to lead the AFES staff team, who work with both local and overseas students including a ministry to Muslim students. Pray for wisdom in balancing ministry and family life, and



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for new partners to help them continue in this important ministry.

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Australians saved to know Jesus. Geneva is seeking to

achieve this outcome by communicating the vision and

skills. They are returning to Australia and visiting EV on Sunday

21st August and there will be a more in-depth information supper

night on 23rd August for those who've supported their ministry

over the year. Pray for the vinks in their return to Australia, for

assessment process to find the best being and provides ongoing support and

training through coaching structures, mentoring and ongoing conferences

re planters have the biggest impact they can as planters.

**Jono and Grace Wright - AIM** [www.thegenevapush.com](http://www.thegenevapush.com)



## PAUL AND SANDRA KING

Jono and Grace Wright, with their kids, are working amongst

Aboriginals in Camooewal and the surrounding communities

along the Sandover Highway. They are with Australian Indigenous

Missions (AIM). Their ministries include preaching at Sunday

meetings, weekly Bible study groups, weekly prayer meetings,

Sunday School, Scripture in the local primary school, weekend

Bible schools and also an itinerant ministry.

Paul and Sandra are sent by us to bring the gospel to

France and they currently live in Strasbourg. They

serve with French Christians in the University Bible

Their ministry with university students involves evangelism,

discipling, and training students to teach the Bible. They also coordinate full-

time ministry apprenticeships, one program is called RELAY working to

inspire, equip and unleash a new generation of church planters

dedicated to evangelising churches into existence. It has set in

place a high quality assessment process and provides ongoing

support and training through coaching structures, mentoring and

ongoing conferences to ensure the biggest impact as planters

in a survey regarding God and ure! We hope see every planter in

meet with another GBUssion during this period meeting together

to pray and another time to pray! We thank God for the start of

Liam and Lucy Doyle head up the church plant in Lake Macquarie and

are now mentored through the Geneva program. There is a great range

of ages, and despite differences - like age, education and nationality

- they enjoy a real sense of warmth, friendship and love as they hear

God's word together and help each other follow Jesus. Pray for a good

mentor relationship with Dave Sheath from Lakes Evangelical Church.

**Jai and Jay-ellen Wright - MAKE Church, Mackay**

Jai and Jay with their four children (Amber, Ebony and Kade and

Jett) have planted the MAKE church in Mackay. They are continuing

to develop depth in the church through leadership development

and have two new MTS workers to help with this task. They are

longing to see a community of people who are permanently living

in Mackay and actively living out their faith out as a witness to all

who live there.





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