

Micah of Moresheth 1st in the "Who is a God like you?" Series Micah 1:1 p. 776 May 13, 2018 Casey Ehlers, Pastoral Intern

Introduction

1) The Old Testament is Christian Scripture, meaning it is no less important than the New Testament.

Augustine: "The Old Testament is the New Testament concealed. The New Testament is the Old Testament revealed."

- 2) Jesus Christ teaches us that the Old Testament is about him (Luke 24:13-27)
- 3) Hope Church is committed to a serious study of both the Old and New Testament.

"The goal of 'preaching the whole Bible' is attained when we so preach Christ that every part of the Bible contributes its unique riches to his gospel."

The Text: Micah 1:1

1) Micah calls the people of God to take sin seriously (God's holiness), while placing hope in the Redeemer (God's grace).

Response

Christian, drink deeply from the Old Testament. It is about Jesus!

Sunday Text Questions for Micah 1:1 May 13, 2018 Pastoral Intern Casey Ehlers

- 1) Starter Question: What does your relationship with the Old Testament look like?
- 2) Starter Question: What is hard about reading and understanding the Old Testament?
- 3) Re-read Luke 24:13-27 aloud. How does Jesus help us understand the Old Testament? Is this a new concept to you?
- 4) What are the historical details surrounding the book of Micah (verse 1)?
- 5) Micah speaks against societal sins, including the rich abusing the poor. Where might we see similar issues in our culture today? In our churches?
- 6) In preparation for the sermon series read all of Micah 1 as a group. Observe some of the language and symbolism used by the prophet. What stands out to you?
- 7) Pray that God would create in our church a love for *all* of his Word and a desire to grow in our knowledge of it.

Further study this week: 2 Kings 15:32-38 on King Jotham (Mon); 2 Kings 16 on King Ahaz (Tues); 2 Kings 18 on King Hezekiah (Wed); 2 Kings 19 on King Hezekiah (Thurs); 2 Kings 20 on King Hezekiah (Fri).