

WEEK ONE

*act  
justly*



# DAY ONE *intro*



**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 HUMBL Y WITH YOUR GOD.**

## **MICAH 6:8**

Why do we have laws, police officers, and judges? Injustice. It is a cause of suffering around the world and the basis for countless wars throughout history. Something inside of us wants life to be fair. We want the world to be just. That's why even small children get upset when somebody cuts in line. That's the reason sports fans yell at referees when they don't agree with their calls. That's the foundation for many professions in our justice system: lawyers, social workers, police officers, soldiers, doctors, and even politicians.

We expect police officers to act justly—it's their job! But what does it mean to act justly when it's not what you're paid to do? When God spoke through the prophet Micah and told his people to "act justly," what did he mean? What does it look like to act justly while still navigating life as a teenager?

These are some of the questions we'll try to answer this week as we go deeper into Micah's words from God.

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## *justice, big and small*

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Acting justly is the first of three expectations God brought up to his people when they got lazy in their faith. These people were really good at saying the right things and justifying the wrong things. But they were missing the point. So God used Micah to intervene and get them back on track.

It's easy to think big when it comes to justice. From the fight against human trafficking to racial reconciliation, the word *justice* can bring to mind some pretty big issues that seem out of our control. But when Micah says that God wants us to act justly, he isn't only talking about sometime down the road when you're able to face giant global issues.

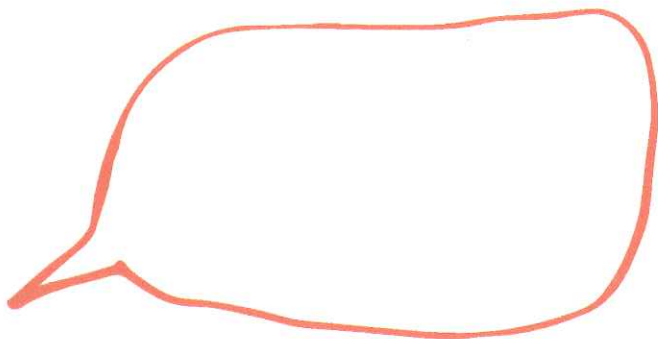
He's talking about doing the right thing here and now, when it's small and no one will see, when it's uncomfortable, and when it doesn't feel worth it. Because when we act justly in our daily lives and decisions, we are preparing ourselves to fight for the kind of justice that intervenes in world hunger, corrupt systems, human trafficking, and more.

**SPEND A FEW MINUTES TODAY  
ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS  
ABOUT JUSTICE AND YOUR OWN LIFE.**

If you could change one tragic event in the history of the world, what would you change and why?



Pretend you are the President of the United States. What is the first law you would try to change? Who is the first person you would try to help?



Have you ever had to help two friends resolve a dispute? How did you decide who was right and who was wrong?



How do you identify injustices around you?



What's the difference between justice and revenge?

