

## Why Did We Choose Micah 6:8?

Micah 6:8 is a verse commonly cited to compel people to act in times of injustice: “Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.” This is why Westmont chose this verse as the name of our site that references our work of justice, reconciliation and diversity. Our objective? Ongoing growth as we seek to become a more reconciling community.

### Who is Micah?

Micah is a prophet from a small agricultural town south west of Jerusalem. His ministry overlaps that of Isaiah. But whereas Isaiah spoke primarily to the urban elite, Micah spoke to the "regular folk" in the "suburbs." Micah's message calls the people to listen to the word of God. Repeatedly Micah says “Listen, you leaders,” “Listen to what the Lord says,” and “Listen, you peoples,” stressing that *now* is the time to pay attention. Much of Micah’s prophecy is judgment addressed to the capital cities of Judah and Israel, Jerusalem, and Samaria respectively. Their leaders practiced and tolerated false doctrine that has led to a false understanding of the character of God, and, as a result, injustice towards the lowly, mistreatment of women and children, unjust business practices, and exploitation of the poor, many of whom were rural dwellers, like Micah. The rich were living in luxury

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been heard, those who have been left behind or left out. Our actions of justice flow from our inward transformation to become more like Christ. We call ourselves again to justice in how we

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” Luke 6:36

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.” Matthew 5:7

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” Psalm 23:6

“For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” James 2:13

**Bible Verses about Humility:**

“But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6

“The fear of the Lord is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.”  
Proverbs 15:33

“Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of