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LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE



## Introduction

Welcome to the Love HB study, which follows the sermon series by the same title. This sermon series is seeking to answer the question, “How do we love HB?” It is not just about loving the city of Huntington Beach – but starting where our congregation is located within the community. To answer this question, we will explore Micah 6:6-8, which provides three answers – do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God. In addition to this passage, we will also go to Hosea 6:1-6 and Micah 4:1-5. The final week of the sermon series will be our LoveHB event on June 23, when we “worship” by going out in teams to serve the community.

We will be using the Know-Grow-Go framework for this study. Disciples are those who *know* Jesus as Lord and Savior, who *grow* together to become like Him, and who *go* on mission with Jesus. Keep this framework in mind as you go through each week’s questions. Each section helps us pursue these discipleship goals.

## DO JUSTICE (Micah 6:6-8)

6/02/19

Each week's sermon and study seeks to answer the question, "How do we love HB?" The first answer is do justice. This is a uniquely ancient and Biblical concept that is different than getting justice, which has a more negative connotation. Doing justice is doing that which is right in our relationship with others (e.g., friends, family, community, co-workers, etc.).

## KNOW



In Micah 6:6-7, the prophet addresses religious rituals that had become empty. The people of God were "going through the motions" but not truly obeying and pleasing God. How might Micah's exaggerated questions have exposed wrong attitudes in worship? How might this worship have reflected an inadequate view of God?

Micah 6:8 focuses on what God requires of His people. In what ways is this something that all people can pursue regardless of social status? According to Micah 6:6-8, how is merely offering sacrifices that God required not enough? Why is it necessary to do more than gather with God's people in worship? What does it mean to "do justice" in practical terms?

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Consider again the definition of doing justice in the introduction to this week's study. What does Jesus require of you in these relationships in terms of doing justice? In what areas of your life do you see justice not being done? What changes can you make to pursue that which is right?

There may be some leaders in your community who do well at doing justice. What characteristics or values do you think are worthy imitating? How can they serve as models for doing justice?

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Consider people in your world (e.g., the homeless) who are in situations where justice (in the Biblical sense) is not being done. Pray for these people. Ask Jesus to show you what concrete steps you can take to do that which is right.

## LOVE KINDNESS (Hosea 6:1-6) 6/9/19

Love kindness is the second answer to the question of this study – “How do we love HB?” The Hebrew word translated as “kindness” can also be rendered as “steadfast love” or “loyal love.” To love HB, God calls us to love this kind of love. This week’s passage helps us to understand more about God’s standards for His people.

### KNOW



Hosea 6:1 contains an invitation: “Come let us return to the Lord.” After a time of God’s judgment, God hopes that His people will “return” to Him. How does Hosea 6:1-3 express confidence in God’s mercy to those who repent? Why do you think Hosea believes this about God (see also Ex. 34:6-7)?

According to Hosea 6:4-6, the “love” of God’s people was inadequate – like “a morning cloud, like the dew.” What does this image say about their relationship with God at this time? How is this the opposite of God’s desire for them to have “steadfast love”? What does it look like for our love to be “steadfast” or loyal to God?

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Hosea 6:6 states, “For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.” God calls us to respond to his steadfast love or “kindness” with the same kind of love. How do you desire to have a deeper relationship with God (“the knowledge of God”)? How might this renewed relationship lead you to be more faithful in your relationships with others?

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The Gospel (“good news”) is a “good news” about God’s steadfast love through Jesus. People who do not yet know Jesus need to not only hear this good news but also see it. Consider those in your world who have not yet become followers of Jesus. What are some concrete ways they can see the good news in how you treat others? How might Jesus be calling you to repent of certain attitudes and actions to demonstrate this love?

## WALK HUMBLY (Micah 4:1-5)

6/16/19

One additional answer to the question, “How do we love HB?” is walk humbly. In Micah 4:1-5, the prophet covers part of what it means for God’s people to do this. This humble walk includes knowing God’s ways and receiving God’s teachings.

## KNOW



This week’s passage gives a vision of the future and full reign of God when Christ returns. “The mountain of the LORD” is a symbol of God’s Kingdom, something that will be exalted in the world. Why will all “people” come to this “mountain” (4:1-2)? How will God rule over the whole world at this time (4:2-4)?

In Micah 4:5, God’s people are called to “walk” differently than the rest of the world. The Scriptures often use the image of a “walk” to refer to one’s way of life. In light of this, what does it mean to “walk in the name of the LORD our God”? How does this relate to walking humbly with God, as Micah says in Micah 6:8?



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The Scriptures have a lot to say about humility in one's walk with God. In 1 Peter 5:5-6, Peter says, "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you." How do you hear in these verses a challenge to humility? In what ways do you need God's grace in this season of life?

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It often takes humility to go on mission with Jesus. What is keeping you from fully throwing yourself into following Jesus? How might Jesus be calling you to humble yourself before sending you to serve someone?







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