SAVOURING OUR SAVIOUR RIPE 'N' READY GOODNESS

READ: (Micah 6:1-8, Galatians 5:22)

The Lord rejects disingenuous displays of worship, while He embraces lifestyles of justice, mercy and humility that reflect His own GOODNESS.

- Q. HOW have you tried to impress another person and WHY do you think you felt the need to do it?
- Q. In WHAT ways might we still be tempted to perform for other people to make ourselves look good?

Look up and read (Luke 6:45, Luke 18:18, Psalm 16:2)

- Q. From these verses, HOW would you define goodness?
- Q. HOW do most people measure what is good today?
- **Q.** WHY do you think that we so often define goodness by what people do or don't do?
- **Q.** WHAT does goodness being a fruit of the Holy Spirit teach us about goodness itself?

Micah 6:1-5

Q. WHAT was God's charge against His people in Micah's day, and do you think we treat His goodness to us with the same forgetfulness as them?

Micah 6:6-7

- Q. WHAT do you think makes our lives and worship good to God?
- **Q.** IS there any danger that we can simply go through the motions of a Christian life, attending church, but never really pleasing God by doing so?

Q. HOW might this make our love, joy, peace, patience and kindness less RIPE 'N' READY in our walk with the Lord and our witness for the Lord?

Micah 6:8

- Q. HOW does God define goodness here?
- Q. WHAT does it mean to "act justly" "love mercy" and "walk humbly" with God

Compare Jesus' condemnation of the religious leaders' hypocrisy in (Matthew 23:23), with Micah's words here.

Q. In WHAT ways are Jesus' and Micah's messages similar and HOW in any ways are they different?

Be practical

- **Q.** HOW do the commands found in Micah 6:8 translate into GOOD community service?
- **Q.** In WHAT ways could your group participate in an activity or ministry that fights for justice and mercy for underprivileged groups that displays goodness?

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