



Small group discussion questions September 2015

Chapter & verse – David Grosch-Miller (p19)

Read Micah 6:8, followed by David Grosch-Miller's article.

1. David says that Micah 6:8 has been called “the Magna Carta of prophetic writing”. What is that description saying about this verse? Do you agree with the description?
2. In the first paragraph of “Chapter & verse”, David describes the land of Judah in Micah’s time. How similar does that sound compared to the society we live in today?
3. In the second chapter, David describes the relationship between the people of Judah and God. What is wrong with that relationship? Do you think Christians today struggle with the same problems?
4. In the third paragraph, David says: “We worry, in the Church of 2015, about the future”. What worries does the future hold for the Church of today?
5. David goes on to say that, as a result of worry, “we can easily turn in on ourselves and become focussed on the things that matter to us”, overlooking the more important callings of the Church. What do you think are the most important matters for the Church to address today? How well are we doing in those areas?
6. David says: “We could presently be accused of worrying more about buildings and budgets than the vulnerable”. Is that accusation fair?
7. We need, David says, “to hear the voice of the vulnerable and to act in defence of that voice”. What practical steps could we take to do that?

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"It is not enough to say the right things, you have to do the right things"



"We have Maligay, Chomsky, who are good at what they do but are not good at what they do. We have a lot of people who are good at what they do but are not good at what they do."

Theological writing is often a mix of the two. We have to be able to write in a way that is both intellectually rigorous and spiritually inspiring. We have to be able to write in a way that is both intellectually rigorous and spiritually inspiring. We have to be able to write in a way that is both intellectually rigorous and spiritually inspiring. We have to be able to write in a way that is both intellectually rigorous and spiritually inspiring.



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For further reflection: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:27)

Prayer: Father of all people, where we have made our Church more important than your Kingdom, and our own spiritual lives more important than the world you have called us to serve, forgive us. Help us to see the needs of others as you see them, and to offer you not just religion but justice, mercy and humility. Amen.