

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: What is Needed Part 4: What The Lord Requires

BIG Idea: God has already made clear what He requires—and it is not religious excess.

Application: Walk faithfully with God by practicing justice, loving mercy, and cultivating humility in everyday life.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: When you hear the word *obedience*, what feelings or images come to mind—and why do you think that is?

1. Why do you think we are naturally inclined to assume God wants more from us when something feels off spiritually?
2. In Micah 6:6–7, what stands out to you about the people’s question and their proposed sacrifices?
3. How does 1 Samuel 15:22 challenge common assumptions about worship and faithfulness?
4. What does “justice” mean biblically, and how is that different from how the word is often used today?
5. Which part of the Naboth’s Vineyard story most clearly illustrates injustice, and why?
6. Why do you think Scripture consistently connects justice with how power and influence are used?
7. According to Micah 6:8, why is mercy something we are called to love, not just practice?
8. How does humility protect obedience from becoming pride or performance?
9. Which of the three—justice, mercy, or humility—do you find most challenging to live out right now?
10. What is one practical step you could take this week to walk more faithfully in one of these areas?

Prayer Prompt: Pray together, asking God to help your group walk faithfully with Him—not through religious excess, but through lives marked by justice, mercy, and humility. Invite the Holy Spirit to show each person where realignment, repentance, or surrender is needed.

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