



## Sermon Discussion Guide

Wealthy Self-Deception

Micah 2

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### Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Read the Scripture printed above. What stood out to you (interesting, challenging, confusing, etc.)?

### Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

- 1) Do you have any stories from your childhood about making deals with your siblings (or maybe siblings making deals with you)?

#### INDIVIDUAL SELF-DECEPTION

- 2) Is there a meaningful way to distinguish between coveting and desire?
  - a) What about envy?
  - b) Although desire (want) is involved in all of these, how can a Christian discern when desire has gone too far?
- 3) Material success tends to make us believe that we only need a little bit of Jesus. Are there some practical ways to fight against this tendency for those of us who experience material wealth?
- 4) What does laying awake at night worrying about our stuff signify about our relationship with our stuff and God?
  - a) If you've experienced this, what challenges do we need to hear from this passage?
  - b) What encouragement do we need to hear?

#### COLLECTIVE SELF-DECEPTION

- 5) Zach mentioned that the 'false' preachers of Micah's day misquoted scripture by conveniently leaving out information and portions of God's word. Can you think of how Christians might do this today?
- 6) The false teachers were full of their own 'spirit' even though they looked and sounded like they were full of God's Spirit. How do you think you might identify if something a preacher/teacher is saying is of their own spirit or of God's?
- 7) Even those who lived 'uprightly' experienced the exile that Micah was prophesying. What comfort does God give in verses 12-13?
- 8) Read John 10:7-18, note the similarities with Micah 2:12-13

### Step 3: Final Reflections

- 9) How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- 10) In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to work on as a result of this study?