

# Sermon Discussion Guide

*Wolves in Shepherds' Clothing*

Micah 3:1–12

## Unjust judges (1–4)

- Who were the “heads” and “rulers” (v. 1)? How were they called to serve the people? How were they abusing their power and authority?
- What is the model of leadership Jesus exemplified for us?
- How does Jesus provide us with both the motivation and power to serve others?
- What are some positions of leadership God has placed you in? How can you seek to serve the people you lead?

## Crooked prophets (5–8)

- How were the prophets called to serve the people?
- How were the prophets Micah addressed misleading the people?
- Micah says he was filled with boldness “to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin” (v. 8). Why do we need the Lord’s help to speak the truth about what the Bible says concerning sin?
- How does this passage also address those who listen to the preaching and teaching of God’s Word? What kind of listeners should we be? How should we respond to uncomfortable messages about our sin?

## Corrupt leaders (9–12)

- How do we know that the leaders’ profession of trust in the Lord in verse 11 was hypocritical?
- Is God more interested in our religious activity or our hearts? Read 1 Samuel 15:22–23 and Micah 6:6–8 and discuss.
- Often there’s a disconnect between the truth we profess to believe and how we live. What are some ways we can seek to bridge the gap between head and heart or belief and practice?

## Conclusion

- How does this passage point us to Jesus Christ?
- How is Jesus different than the wicked leaders in this chapter?