



More than a Magic Kingdom

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Reflect + Discuss

- Have you ever been to Disneyland or another place that felt like a "magic kingdom"? What is it like to experience a place that feels different from the rest of the world?
- Read Micah 2:1-5 and 6:10-12. What stands out to you from the text? What questions do you have? Why is God angry with Israel?
- God gives the Israelites four initiatives: individual generosity (Deuteronomy 15:7–8), rules for farms (Leviticus 23:22), debt cancellation (Deuteronomy 15:1, 9), and no permanent land ownership (Leviticus 25:23–24). What is your initial reaction to these initiatives? What was the purpose of these initiatives, and why was it such a big deal that Israel failed to follow them?
- In Micah's time, people's ability to make money, provide for their families, have security, protection, etc. was dependent on having land. Today, what justice issues exist that can be compared to taking away someone's land?
- What does it mean for us today that the church has the same mission as Israel—to live as God's model kingdom? Based on how our society treats the powerless, what might Micah or another prophet have to say to us?
- What would it look like for you to work for economic justice in your community? How can we work for structural change to bring *mishpat* to our society?

Dig Deeper

- If you'd like to dig deeper into the topic of biblical justice and how to be people who live this out, check out the book [Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes Us Just](#) by Tim Keller.

Pray

- Ask God for an open heart to seek justice within your spheres of influence, and for discernment about what that can look like in your life.

Next Steps

- Set aside some time this week to look through the different Love Madison projects and sign up for one. This would be a great opportunity to serve with your Life Group, as a family, with some friends, etc. You can [click here](#) to learn more.