

# MICAH 6:8

Do Justice | Love Mercy | Walk Humbly

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Love Hesed

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## Small Group Discussion Guide

### **Main Points:**

The context: God does not desire religious activity divorced from a transformed life.

### **Hesed:**

1. Hesed is loyal (Isaiah 54:10)
2. Hesed is an action (Numbers 14:19)
3. Hesed involves relationships (Psalm 36:7)

**Hesed:** A love that will never lose its grip on us.

### **How do we loved hesed?**

1. We learn, celebrate and remember God's hesed towards us.
2. We practice hesed towards others.

### **Example of Hesed: Forgiveness (Matthew 18:23-35)**

- Measure your forgiveness of others by His forgiveness of you.
- Hesed is about responding to God not the person.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Make a list of examples of God's *hesed* towards people in the Bible.
2. Share how you have experienced the *hesed* of God.
3. What would happen to our world if God withheld *hesed*?
4. Share a time someone demonstrated *hesed* love towards you.
5. *Hesed* love is described by Paul Miller in, "A Loving Life" as one-way love, a combination of steadfast love and loyalty, "love without an exit strategy". Miller writes, "When you live with *hesed* love, you bind yourself to the object of your love, no matter what the response is." What does this statement mean for you and forgiveness?
6. What stood out to you the most about the Matthew 18 story on forgiveness?
7. Do you believe there should be a limit on our forgiveness of others?

8. How might an understanding of *hesed* affect your family, or shape the future of our church?
9. How does the command to “love hesed” relate to the command to “do justice?”
10. How can you practice hesed this week? Where do you see the greatest need?