

Who Decides Right and Wrong?

“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

I. Why these big questions are important:

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II. God’s authority throughout the Biblical story:

1. Act One: _____

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Either there is a fixed moral reference point outside of Ourselves, OR _____

2. Act Two: _____

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3. Act Three: _____

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4. Act Four: _____

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III. Living this out:

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2. _____
3. _____

Morality

Intro: How would you gauge the moral climate of Canada? What do you find encouraging? What do you feel is discouraging? Where do you think our society at large gets its values from?

Read: Micah 6:8 (NIV) – *“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*

1. According to the above verse, where does morality, standards of right and wrong, come from?

2. What does it mean to *act justly? To love mercy? To walk humbly with your God?* How does this compare with a secular world view or Eastern religions' view of morality?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) – *“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”*

3. Think of something for which you have carried a strong sense of guilt for a time. How has this guilt affected you? Reflect / discuss the promise above that because of what Christ did, we *“become the righteousness of God.”* What impact could that have on any feelings of guilt?

4. Many people go through very difficult times because they do not take their need for a Saviour seriously. If we doubt that Christ was made *“sin for us”* and that we *“might become the righteousness of God”* how are we exchanging the truth for a lie?

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:17-19

5. What do the above verses say about restoration – both God’s reconciliation of us to Himself and our role in reconciling others to God?

Read: Proverbs 4:20-27

6. How does immersing one’s self in Scripture help make God more of a fixed reference point in our lives?