

## Brief Biblical Reflection on Micah 6:8

As always, we begin our meeting with a reflection on scripture. We are going to look at a text that is familiar to many of you: Micah 6:8.

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Our congregation does a good job of reminding us to be faithful, the humble walk. We worship at least 52 times a year, conduct Bible study, and pray.

And, our congregation does a good job of mercy ministry. We provide food for people that are hungry at the food giveaways, the pantry and First English dinners. We visit the sick. We provide transportation to doctor’s appointments. We send cards.

When it comes to justice, the indicators in our city are not good. And biblically, the work of justice is to hold “the people in power” accountable for the fair treatment of all people, especially the poor, the widow and the orphan. So Moses and the prophets challenge Pharaoh, the King, the nobles and officials publicly.

· As individuals and individual congregations, we do not have enough power to hold officials accountable.

Fortunately, we have a biblical model for how to build and use power to hold officials accountable: Nehemiah 5.