# **HONEST QUESTIONS**

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 Words from the prophet Micah - speaking on behalf of the people of God in response to the charges He was bringing against them.

### Micah 6:1-8

- **vv1-2** Opening statement of God's case against His people.
- **vv3-5** God questioning why they were unfaithful and reminding them of what He had done for them.
- **vv6-7** People respond to God's charges and ask what He would want from them.
- **v8** Reminder of what they should have already known and what God ultimately expected of them.

The answer is not a grand gesture of sacrifice before Godbut a faithful living out of the difference He makes.

# **GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY**

#### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

- <sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me!
- <sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- <sup>5</sup> O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."
- <sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
- <sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
- <sup>8</sup> He has told you, O man, 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?

### Matthew 22:34-40

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."