



THE CHURCH OF THE  
RESURRECTION

## REZ GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Christmas Arts Market — Saturday, December 3, 10 am - 3 pm at Rez
2. Lessons & Carols Service — Sunday, December 11, 7 pm at Rez
3. Rez Opera: Amahl & the Night Visitors. Friday & Saturday, December 16 & 17, 7–9 pm at Rez

### ICEBREAKER

Have there been times when you tried to confront injustice? How did it go?

### SCRIPTURE - Micah 3:1-4:5

#### Discussion Questions

1. **Micah 3:1-4, Micah uses disturbing language to describe the heads and rulers of the house of “Israel” and their judgment. Why do you think he does this? What does this say about how God views those who are unjust?**
2. **Micah denounces the prophets, priests, and rulers of Israel (vvs. 5-12) for not calling out sin. Read Matthew 7:15 and 2 Peter 2:1. What made these prophets false and how does Jesus say we identify false prophets? What can we learn from this?**
3. **Are there gospel allusions in this passage that we can imitate or strive towards?**
4. **Compare this passage with Jeremiah 26:16-24. What can we learn from it?**
5. **Is the idea that God is just comforting or concerning to you? Why? Has there ever been a time when your idea of justice and God’s idea of justice were different? How did you reconcile those feelings?**

6. What organizations (or people) in your community do a good job of advocating for others or providing helpful services for those in need? In what ways can you be involved in bringing God's justice and care to those in your area?

## PRAYER

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant says*

May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Intercessions and thanksgivings follow. Please include the following in your prayer:*

*Missionary: Matt and Katey Riley - Church planting in Pontivy, France*

- *Pray for our youth group events.*
- *For creativity and for open hearts.*
- *Pray against discouragement.*
- *For wisdom in parenting and lots of patience.*

*Persecuted Church and her Persecutors: [Afghanistan](#)*

- *Please pray for secret believers in Afghanistan, that they will be protected from the violence of the Taliban.*
- *Ask God to make Taliban leaders uphold and preserve human life, and that God would turn their hearts from hate to love.*
- *Pray for Open Doors partners supporting Afghan refugees to be filled with grace and love.*

*Conflict ridden areas: Ukraine/Russia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Myanmar, etc.*

*Church Ministry: Bishops and Diocesan Council as they evaluate the report of GrandRiver Solutions regarding the complaints against Father Dan, Synod*

*A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom*  
*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude:*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*