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Discussion Guide

The Scoop

What would you do if your days were numbered? Would you do anything differently? Often we want to know if we've measured up.

Key Verses

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

"He has shown you, O mortal, 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."

Discussion

Whether you're talking with someone about their faith or their career, you usually end up having a bigger overarching conversation about meaning. As people age, we naturally start to think about life and death and what's most important to us. This is especially true if we're faced with something like cancer. Whether we want to or not, cancer makes us look at life plainly and see very clearly what's important and what's not.

1. Why do you think we land on a bigger conversation about meaning when we're talking about our faith and career? What is it about those two things that cause these conversations to occur?
2. When was the last time you had a conversation about meaning in the context of your faith or career? Describe the conversation.

If you knew your days were numbered, what would you do differently? What would you change? Almost all of us would look back at our lives and try to figure out if we've measured up. We'd start thinking about the legacy we'd want to leave behind. We'd think about our impact and achievements and consider if we've done enough. Many of us might also realize that we have dreams that went unfulfilled, or might wish for more time to achieve a little more.

3. Put yourself in the shoes of something with a terminal diagnosis. What questions would you ask yourself?
4. Do you know someone who's asked these questions or walked this road recently? If so, explain. If not, think about if you'd default to considering if you've done enough.

In Micah 6:8, we read a short list of things that God requires of us during this life as Christians. It says nothing about our career success or building wealth, but instead it says we must simply "act justly," "love mercy," and "walk humbly with our God." So instead of thinking back on your life in terms of material accomplishment, what if you used these three requirements as a lens of evaluation. During your time on earth, did you act justly, love mercy and walk humbly?

5. What do you think "act justly" "love mercy" and "walk humbly with our God" means? What does this look like lived out?
6. What are some ways that you've lived these three "requirements" out recently? If you can't think of an example, what are some things in your life that might need to change in order for you to do so?

What's Next?

As you think about putting yourself in those shoes – looking back on your life in the face of a terminal diagnosis—evaluating how you spent your time on earth and where you found meaning, if there is something you would change, what is stopping you from living that way now? How can you invite God into your thinking so that other people would look at the decisions you make and know without a doubt that you serve Him?

This week, as you live out your faith, ask yourself these questions. Have I acted justly? Have I loved mercy? Have I walked humbly with my God? Evaluate those things and if there's something you'd change, resolve to change it now instead of waiting until there's no time left. Expect God to show up in your head and your heart as you process.