

## Week 8 - No King

Ice Breaker Question: Have you received a gift that you got rid of, to later regret it or wish you had the item back?

Here we are ladies, 3 more lessons to go, I hope you have been richly blessed, I'm already feeling like I don't want it to end. My prayer is that we can focus on the last few weeks and reflect on how privileged we have been to grow and learn and convict each other.

### 1. Micah and His Mother (17:1-6)

- We see Micah returning what he stole not based on the fear of the Lord, but rather a fear of the curse that his mother gives. Think upon why we confess or even make the effort to deal with sin. Is it because we desire the pain, fear, or frustration that sin causes to stop, or because we fear the Lord and desire to be in the right relationship with Him?
- This family is breaking a lot of commandments here, and yet somehow feel they're serving the Lord. As we've gone through this study, I keep thinking what idols do I have, which commandments am I breaking but perhaps not dealing with? What can we do as believers so that our homes don't become places of religious and moral confusion? Consider taking time to deal with this...Pastor Ryan Case did a series on the 10 commandments when teaching through the catechism, this could be helpful in recognizing idols in our lives.

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### 2. Along comes a Levite (17:7-13)

- Look at verse 13..."Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest." What was Micah saying here? That aww now that I have this guy with me surely the Lord will make things better for me, Micah is taking an earthly idea and attributing it to success in the eyes of God. Relate that to the idea that boasting about our achievements and successes, where does it get us? Can we fall into this trap of feeling like if we just achieve this level of success in our lives we will have it made and things will go well for us?

### 3. Dan's Downfall (18:1-31)

- We keep seeing this idea "In those days there was no king in Israel." What does it mean? Can we say this about our own society? What commandments are we breaking that we can say we have no king in our land? Do we live like King Jesus

is ruling in our lives or do we live in constant worry or fear of the world and the corruption in it?

- “Someone has said that there are only three philosophies of life in today’s world: (1) “What’s mine is mine, I’ll keep it”; (2) “What’s yours is mine, I’ll take it.” (3) “What’s mine is yours, I’ll share it.” The Danites followed the second philosophy, and so do too many other grasping people.” - Warren W. Wiersbe

Which philosophy do you fit into, is it correctly aligned with Scripture and the way that we should regard our possessions and earthly blessings?