



FAITH *and the* BALLOT

A 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY SERIES

MONDAYS

SEPT 28 – NOV 2

6:30 PM

KINGDOM COVENANT CHURCH

17357 KLINGER ST. DETROIT, MI 48212



Which one comes **EASIEST** to you?

Justice

Making things right

Mercy

Showing steadfast love

Humility

Walking with God, not ahead
of Him

Walk to your corner. Take 60 seconds to tell each other why.

Which one is **HARDEST** for you?

Justice

Making things right

Mercy

Showing steadfast love

Humility

Walking with God, not ahead
of Him

Move again. One person from each corner, share out loud.

SHOW OF HANDS

Is Micah a Major or a Minor Prophet?

MAJOR

MINOR

THE DIFFERENCE IS LENGTH, NOT STRENGTH

Major and Minor Prophets

The Major Prophets

Isaiah (66 chapters)

Jeremiah (52)

Lamentations (5)

Ezekiel (48)

Daniel (12)

The Minor Prophets: "The Twelve"

1. Hosea

2. Joel

3. Amos

4. Obadiah

5. Jonah

6. Micah

7. Nahum

8. Habakkuk

9. Zephaniah

10. Haggai

11. Zechariah

12. Malachi

"Minor" means shorter, not smaller.

Micah has 7 chapters; Isaiah has 66. In the Hebrew Bible, all twelve fit on one scroll: "The Book of the Twelve."

THE BOOK OR THE BALLOT: WHICH ONE HAS MORE POWER?

Minor prophet. Major message.

A ballot is one small sheet of paper, but it can change a city. Micah is a small book, but it changed a king's heart and his mind.

Who was Micah?

HOMETOWN

Moresbeth, a small farming town southwest of Jerusalem (1:1)

WHEN

The 700s BC, the same era as Isaiah

UNDER THREE KINGS

Jotham • Ahaz • Hezekiah

HIS NAME

"Who is like the LORD?" (see 7:18)

Why would God send a small-town preacher to confront the big-city powerful?

What Micah saw

"When you want someone's house, you take it by fraud and violence."

Micah 2:2 (NLT) • Homes taken

"You are the very ones who hate good and love evil."

Micah 3:2 (NLT) • Leaders gone wrong

"You rulers make decisions based on bribes; you priests teach God's laws only for a price."

Micah 3:11 (NLT) • A system for sale

Which of these sounds like it could be in today's news?

A Preacher Who Changed A King's Heart and Mind

MICAH 3:12 (NLT)

"Mount Zion will be plowed like an open field; Jerusalem will be reduced to ruins!"



**about 100
years later**

JEREMIAH 26:18-19

The elders quote Micah by name. King Hezekiah heard, feared the LORD and turned, and the disaster was held back.

Does speaking up really matter?

SMALL BOOK

Major moments

5:2

Names Bethlehem as the Messiah's birthplace. Matthew 2:6 quotes it.

4:3

"They will hammer their swords into plowshares."

7:18

"Where is another God like you?" An echo of his own name.

Now: God has a case against His people. Tonight, you're in the courtroom.

COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

ALL RISE

The LORD vs. His People

MICAH 6:1–8

THE JURY • EVERYONE STAND AND READ TOGETHER

You are the mountains

Listen to what the LORD is saying: "Stand up and state your case against me. Let the mountains and hills be called to witness your complaints. And now, O mountains, listen to the LORD's complaint! He has a case against his people. He will bring charges against Israel.

Micah 6:1–2 (NLT)

THE VOICE OF THE LORD

"O my people, what have I done to you?"

"O my people, what have I done to you? What have I done to make you tired of me? Answer me! For I brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from slavery. I sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to help you. Don't you remember, my people, how King Balak of Moab tried to have you cursed and how Balaam son of Beor blessed you instead? And remember your journey from Acacia Grove to Gilgal, when I, the LORD, did everything I could to teach you about my faithfulness."

Micah 6:3–5 (NLT)

A young brown calf with a rope halter stands in front of a stone wall. The calf is looking slightly to the right. The rope halter is made of thick, light-colored rope. The stone wall is made of large, rectangular stones. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

THE DEFENSE • ROUND 1 • OFFERING 1 OF 4 • MICAH 6:6 (NLT)

What can we bring to the LORD? Should we bring him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of

Yearling Calves?



THE DEFENSE • ROUND 1 • OFFERING 2 OF 4 • MICAH 6:7 (NLT)

Should we offer him

Thousands of Rams?



THE DEFENSE • ROUND 1 • OFFERING 3 OF 4 • MICAH 6:7 (NLT)

and

10,000 Rivers of Olive Oil?



THE DEFENSE • ROUND 1 • OFFERING 4 OF 4 • MICAH 6:7 (NLT)

Should we sacrifice our

Firstborn Children?

to pay for our sins?

THE DEFENSE · ROUND 2 · EXHIBIT 1 OF 4 · THE OFFERING ENVELOPE PLEA

"Lord, I'll **DOUBLE** My Tithe
and Pay for 5 Chairs!"

Everybody, say it with them!

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THE DEFENSE · ROUND 2 · EXHIBIT 2 OF 4 · THE HYMN BOOK AND BIBLE PLEA

"I **Promise** I'll Read My Bible
and Learn More Hymns!"

Everybody, say it with them!

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THE DEFENSE · ROUND 2 · EXHIBIT 3 OF 4 · THE CHOIR MEMBER PLEA

"I'll Join the Mass Choir and
Never Miss Rehearsal!"

Everybody, say it with them!

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THE DEFENSE · ROUND 2 · EXHIBIT 4 OF 4 · THE PASTORAL INSTALLATION

"Look I Came to **Every** Service"

Is anything on this table bad? Then why wasn't it enough?

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THE VERDICT • EVERYONE READ TOGETHER

No, O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: **to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.**

MICAH 6:8 (NLT)

"THE LORD HAS TOLD YOU" • HE SAID IT BEFORE

What does the LORD require?

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the LORD your God, and live in a way that pleases him, and love him and serve him with all your heart and soul. And you must always obey the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good."

Deuteronomy 10:12–13 (NLT)

Do what is right

Hebrew: mishpat · other Bibles say “do justice”

Making things right, especially for people without power. It's a verb: something you **do**.

Ask: What's one thing a person could actually DO for justice this week?

Love mercy

Hebrew: chesed

Steadfast, loyal covenant love, the kind God showed from Egypt to Gilgal. Not just doing mercy, but **loving** it.

Ask: What's the difference between doing mercy and loving mercy?

MICAH 6:8 • 3 OF 3

Walk humbly

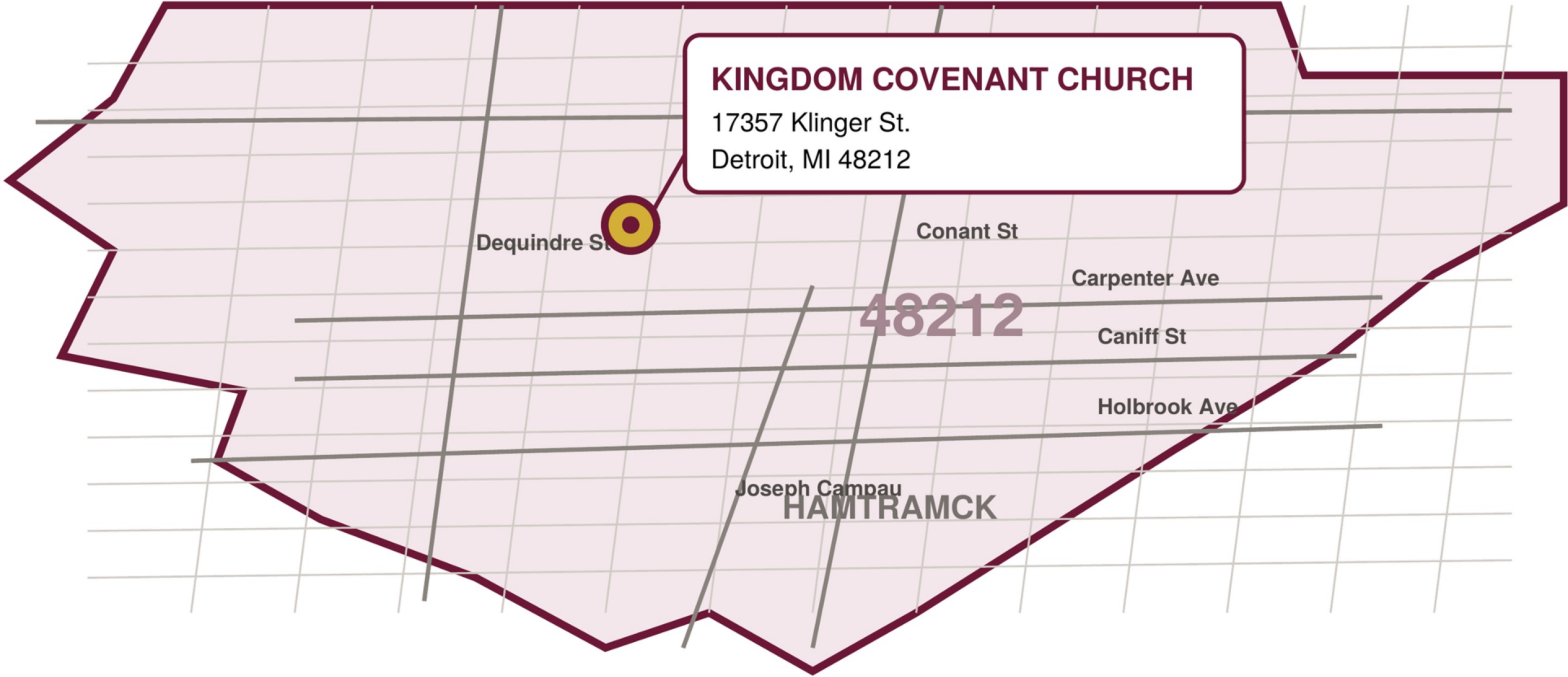
with your God

A walk is a direction you keep going, not a one-time moment. Humility keeps justice from becoming self-righteous and mercy from looking down on people.

Remember your hardest corner? That's where God is asking you to walk this week.

OUR COMMUNITY — ZIP CODE 48212

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You don't have to live here to love here

COLOR 1 • JUSTICE

Something on these streets that needs to be made right. Name the street.

COLOR 2 • MERCY

People around this church who need care. Name the street.

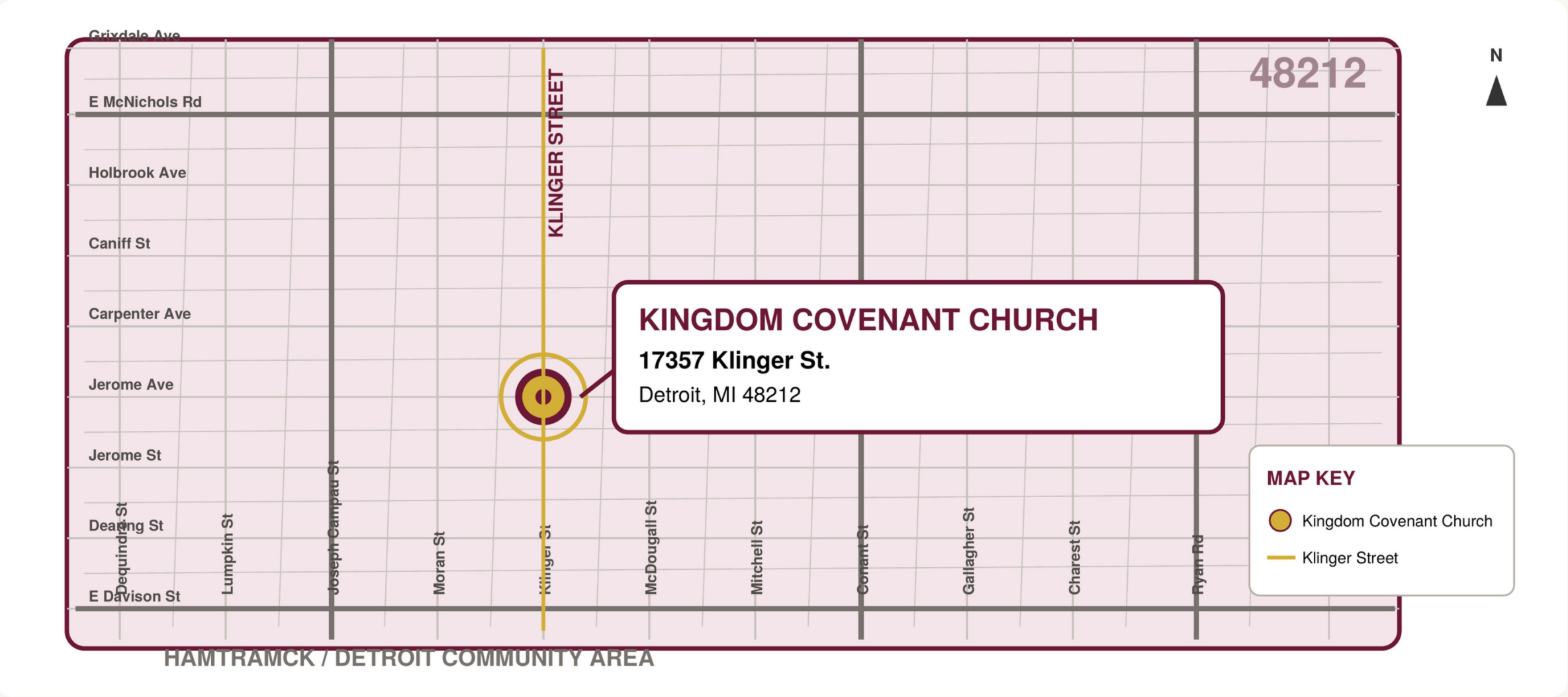
Post your notes on the wall under JUSTICE or MERCY.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What do you see on these streets on your drive in?
2. Who lives around this church that we could bring here?
3. How can those of us who commute here make an impact where the church is planted?

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OPEN FLOOR

From the Ballot Box

Your questions. Every card gets answered.

SEND-OFF • FILL OUT YOUR CARD

My Micah 6:8 card

Justice	One thing I will DO this week to make something right
Mercy	One person I will show steadfast love to this week who is not a family member, and why
Humility	One way I will walk with God this week, and not ahead of Him

THIS WEEK'S VOTER STEP

Check your registration and address tonight.

[Michigan.gov/Vote](https://michigan.gov/Vote)

Then check on one more person: a spouse, a grown child, a neighbor, a senior from church.

NEXT MONDAY • 6:30 PM

Jeremiah 29: Seek the peace of the city

What do you do when you feel like an exile in your own city? Bring your map notes and a friend.