



Love Jesus, Love Seattle
How Will You Respond to God's Invitation?
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Micah 1:2a NIV
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THE BIG IDEA: Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and gives us opportunity to respond by loving Seattle.

THREE REFLECTIONS TO MICAH'S KNOCKING:

I. AM I HEARING WHAT'S BEING SAID?

- Listen! THE LORD IS CALLING to the city... - Micah 6:9a NIV
- "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, OUT OF YOU WILL COME FOR ME ONE who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."
- Micah 5:2 NIV (see Matthew 2:6)
- "I am the bread that gives life!" - Jesus, John 6:48 CEV
- Taste and see that the LORD is good. - Psalm 34:8 KJV
- "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR. He has sent me to PROCLAIM FREEDOM FOR THE PRISONERS and RECOVERY OF SIGHT FOR THE BLIND, to RELEASE THE OPPRESSED, to PROCLAIM THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR." - Jesus, Luke 4:18-19 NIV (see Isaiah 61:1-3)

II. AM I WILLING TO OBEY ?

- *Am I a fan or a follower?*
- "Follow me." - Jesus, John 21:19b KJV
- "Blessed rather are those who HEAR THE WORD of God and OBEY IT."
- Jesus, Luke 11:28 NIV
- "HE [Josiah] DID WHAT WAS RIGHT AND JUST, so all went well with him. He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. IS THAT NOT WHAT IT MEANS TO KNOW ME?" declares the Lord. - Jeremiah 22:15b-16 NIV
- Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: REACH OUT to the homeless and loveless in their plight...
- James 1:27a MSG
- Yes indeed, it is good when you OBEY THE ROYAL LAW as found in the Scriptures: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
- James 2:8 NLT

- "...perceived absence of impact [that] could pose barriers to belief and should be taken serious by church leaders." - Barna Group
- "History shows that those periods in which the Church has been most vital are those in which it has been most intent on reaching outside itself." - George E. Sweazey
- "Jesus is the truth that must be shared." - Mother Teresa

Mission Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore, GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age." - Jesus

What if my life helped Seattle find and follow Jesus?

How to Share: lp.billygraham.org/simply-sharing-jesus/

How to Start: Help at our adopted Schools, Alpha, JLS Projects (text GIVE to 206-557-6322), Missions2020 +

III. WILL I ANSWER THE DOOR ?

- ALL THE NATIONS MAY walk in the name of their gods;
- WE WILL WALK in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.
- Micah 4:5 NIV

Jesus is knocking. What now?

Step 1: Examine your HEART.

- "Create in me a clean HEART, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
- David, Psalm 51:10 ESV

Step 2: Come clean and CONFESS.

- If we CONFESS our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 1 John 1:9 NKJV
- "Wash away all MY INIQUITY and cleanse me from MY SIN. For I know MY TRANSGRESSIONS..." - David, Psalm 51:2-3a NIV

Step 3: RESET your joy and spirit with Jesus.

- "MAKE ME as happy as you did when you saved me; MAKE ME want to obey!" - David, Psalm 51:12 CEV
- "Behold, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW." - Jesus, Revelation 21:5 KJV
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will TURN BACK TO YOU. - Psalm 51:13
- But as for me, I am FILLED with POWER, with the SPIRIT of the Lord, and with JUSTICE and MIGHT, TO DECLARE... He will stand and SHEPHERD HIS FLOCK... His greatness will REACH TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. And He will be their PEACE.
- Micah 3:8; 5:4a, 4b-5