

Getting started: Our culture has slipped from biblical morals. Which evil do you find most offensive and why?

Read 17:1-13

Micah and his Idol

1. What information did Micah divulge to his mother? Why was the recovery of the silver important to his mother? What did she do with it after it was returned? (vv. 1-4)
2. What reveals that Micah was complicit in his mother's idolatry? (v. 5) What strikes you as odd about what is going on? How does the author explain this activity? (v. 6)
3. Who came to Micah's house for a visit? What did Micah offer his visitor? Why did the visitor decide to stay? (vv. 7-10) What surprises you about this visitor's behavior?
4. How did the arrangement between Micah and the Levite turn out? What did Micah expect the Lord to do for him? (vv. 11-13) In your opinion, what is wrong with what is going on?

Read 18:1-15

Dan and the Plan

5. What reason is repeated for the spiritual decline of Israel at this time? (v. 1) What tribe was still seeking an inheritance? Where did the search party wind up staying? (vv. 1-2)
6. Who did the search party interrogate in Micah's house? What did they ask the man to do for them? (vv. 3-6) How did the man answer them? (vv. 8-9)
7. What did the search party urge the tribe to do? (vv. 7-13) What did the Danites do during their visit in Micah's home? (vv. 14-18) When the Levite objected, what did they offer him? (vv. 19-20)
8. What did Micah do in an attempt to recover his molded image and household idols? What was the result? (vv. 21-26)
9. What did the Danites do after taking the city of Laish? According to the author, what was particularly striking about this tribe's behavior? (vv. 30-31)

Going Deeper

10. A number of the 10 commandments were broken in these two chapters (cf. Exodus 20:1-17). List several. In your opinion which do you think was worst and why?