

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 22, 2013

Passage: Micah 5:2-5

Memory Passage: Micah 5:2

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Micah 3:1-12:** In vs. 1-4, who is being condemned, why are they being condemned, and what is their judgment?
- (b) In vs. 5-8, who is being condemned, why are they being condemned, and what is their judgment?
- (c) In vs. 9-12, who is being condemned, why are they being condemned, and what is their judgment?
- (d) How is Judah's situation similar to our situation in 21st century America?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Micah 4:1-13.** What is being promised in vs. 1-5, when will it happen, and how are these verses related to 3:12?
- (b) What is being promised in vs. 6-8 and when will it happen?
- (c) Notice the pattern in vs. 9-11 & 11-13: Israel's disastrous situation is described, followed by God's deliverance. Explain what is happening in both of these sections.
- (d) How do these situations & promises apply to our situation in 21st century America?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Micah 5:1-5a.** What does the word "but" signify at the beginning of v.2?
- (b) Why is Bethlehem referred to as "too little to be among the clans of Judah" (v. 2), and why is it important that this ruler hails from this city?
- (c) How is this ruler different from the human rulers you studied in chapter 3?
- (d) What do you learn about this future ruler from the last part of v. 2 and the first part of v. 3, and why is this important?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Micah 2:12-13, 5:2-5a, & Matt. 2:1-6.** Who comprises the flock and who is the Shepherd in Micah 2:12-13?
- (b) In whose strength does this shepherd function, and what is meant by the phrase "in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God" (Micah 5:4)?
- (c) What results will Judah experience from the rule of this Shepherd-King?
- (d) What does Matt. 2:1-6 tell you about the identity of this Shepherd-King?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read John 10:1-18.** In what ways is Jesus "the door of the sheep" and in what ways is He "the good shepherd"?
- (b) Who are the "other sheep that are not of this fold" and how do they become part of the "one flock" with "one shepherd"?
- (c) How does John 10 help you more fully understand the benefits of the reign of the Shepherd-King brought forth in Micah 5:4-5a (i.e. His people dwelling securely and Him becoming their peace)?
- (d) How does the knowledge of Christ being the eternal Shepherd-King better enable you to (1) rejoice, (2) suffer, (3) walk by faith, (4) evangelize, and (5) love your neighbor as yourself?

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The Shepherd-King from Ephrathah

In Micah 5:2-5a we learn 10 truths about the eternal Shepherd-King