

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Micah - Part 3

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Introduction

In the Book of Micah, the Israelites drive themselves further and further away from God. The prophet Micah proclaims hope that the Israelites will have a Good Shepherd who will gather them back together, guide them, and guard them from their great enemy. Micah's advice for the Israelites is exactly the same as for disciples today: to choose trust, practise courage, and bring hope.

Read

Micah 5:1-15

Discuss

1. Read Micah 5:4-6. List everything that the promised ruler of Israel will do according to Micah's prophecy.
2. In Micah 5:2, Micah tells the Israelites that Light will come. No matter how bad things are, they can change. What domain/s in your life right now feels dark and needs light to come through? Why do you think it became dark in the first place?
3. Read John 10:14. How does this verse connect to the prophecies in Micah 5?
4. God has our future in His hands. We need to choose to trust Him. How have you experienced choosing to trust in Him? Can you identify any factors that can make it easier or harder to trust God?
5. As His people, we need to practise courage. What is your understanding of being courageous? How can we practise this?
6. It is not enough to just have hope. As God's people, we are created to bring hope to others. Are there people around you that could use some hope? How can this Life Group help you bring hope to them?

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Respond

We are designed to have an influence and an impact in the world that cannot be stopped - like morning dew or a hungry lion (Micah 5:7-8). We are not to wait until we understand everything and then make a move. Instead, the Spirit of God gets our attention and gives us opportunities to choose trust and practise courage. And God puts people around us, giving us opportunities to bring the hope that can only be found in Jesus. What is God saying to you now about this? What are you going to do about it?

A Note from the Going Deeper Team

This is our final Going Deeper for 2020. We look forward to serving you with this resource again in February 2021.