

Peace After Problems – Micah 5:1-6

Growth Group Discussion Guide – December 6-7, 2025

Opening Icebreakers

- What's one thing that brings you a sense of peace during the Christmas season?
- When you hear the word 'peace,' what comes to mind—quietness, security, reconciliation, or something else?

Section 1: Present Problems (Micah 5:1)

- Micah describes Judah under siege and humiliation. How does this picture help us relate to our own struggles today?
- What are some 'present problems' in your life that tempt you to look for peace somewhere other than God?
- Why do you think we often turn to alliances, strength, or self-reliance instead of God when life feels overwhelming?
- How does recognizing spiritual enemies behind physical problems change the way we respond?

Section 2: Promised Peace (Micah 5:2–4)

- How does the humility of Christ's birth (Bethlehem, manger, stable) speak to God's character and His way of bringing peace?
- Verse 3 says, 'He shall give them up until the time...' How does this truth—that God allows problems for a season—challenge or comfort you?
- What does it mean for Jesus to 'stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord'? How does that shape your view of His care for you?

Section 3: Present Peace (Micah 5:5–6)

- What does 'He shall be their peace' mean for you personally right now?
- Micah shifts from what the Messiah will do to what His people will do. How does this point to our role in extending peace today?
- John Piper says present peace has three dimensions: peace with God, peace within, peace with others. Which of these do you most need this season?
- How can we pursue peace in broken relationships 'as far as it depends on you' (Romans 12:18)?

Big Idea

Believe and receive the promise of God's peace despite present problems.

Next Step Takeaways

With God as His FAMILY:

- If you are not yet a believer, receive peace with God through faith in Christ.
- If you are a believer, ask God to accomplish His purposes in your life through your present problems.
 - Stop you from wandering away from Him.
 - Purify, refine, strengthen, and conform you.

With Others as His SERVANTS:

- Pursue peace in any broken relationships in your life.

On Mission as His MISSIONARIES:

- Invite someone to our Christmas Eve services who normally does not attend church.