

## Growth Group Discussion Guide

Passage: Micah 5:1-5a

Sermon: Our Shepherd-King

Sermon Series: Prepare Him Room

**Introduction:** God spoke through the prophet Micah to both the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. In this passage God warned the kingdom of Judah of an impending invasion from Babylon and of their exile because of their sin. Yet alongside these words of judgment, God spoke words of grace. He would not abandon His people forever but would send a Shepherd-King to rescue them and be their peace. The Christmas story reveals that these promises are ultimately fulfilled in Jesus.



### Into the Word

*It would feel as though God had abandon them until the time had come.*

What do you think it was like to hear these promises being fulfilled?

Read: Matthew 2:1-6. Why do you think they responded this way?

Note: *Man's heart is sinfully committed to rejecting God's rule.*

How does the image of a shepherd in verse 4 shape our understanding Jesus?

Consider: *2 Samuel 5:1-2, John 10:11-18*

Verse 5a says that Jesus is our peace. Is peace different than our contemporary understanding of tranquillity? If so, how?

Note: *The Hebrew word "shalom" is means wholeness and very relational.*



### Into the Heart

*Man will allow God to be everywhere except on His throne. - Charles Spurgeon*

What are ways that we try to limit Jesus' authority in our lives?

Note: "Is Jesus your King or just an advisor in your court?" - Marc Swan

If Jesus is your Shepherd-King how does he relate to you? Why is this good news?

Consider: *John 10:11-18*



### Into the World

*If you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it.*

If not Christ, where do we look for peace? What are the consequences of this?

Consider: *Luke 17:33*

Describe what it would look like to follow Jesus in a specific area of your life?

Note: *We are called to follow Jesus comprehensively.*