

# MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs, continued in our Advent series, looking at the promises fulfilled by Jesus. Defining a promise as an expressed assurance on which expectation is to be based, Marty reminded us of the ancient promises God made that were fulfilled in Jesus. To trust in a promise you need to trust the promise maker. Are they reliable? Have they kept their word before? For God, the answer is 100% of the time. He can be trusted. Looking in the Old Testament at the book of Micah we find prophesy, a promise of the coming Messiah. For the insecure he provides security, for the warring he provides peace, or the wandering he provides a shepherd. God meets our needs through Jesus.

## SCRIPTURE

### MICAH 5:2-5 NRSV

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;

<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marty's message?
2. Read Micah 5:2-5. What are the promises of God in this passage?
3. How does the fact that this was written almost 700 years before the birth of Jesus affect how you believe in God's promises?
4. Read verse 4 and 5 again.
  - a. What are characteristics of a shepherd?
  - b. What does it mean to live secure?
  - c. How does the promise of peace play into security?

5. What places in your life do you need to hold on to the promise of Jesus as a shepherd, bringing security and peace? What would be different if you trusted in these promises?
  
6. Christmas is a good time to reflect on your walk with Jesus.
  - a. Who is Jesus to you?
  - b. How have you prioritized your relationship with Jesus?
  - c. How have you grown in your faith this year?
  - d. What promises of God have you experienced being fulfilled?
  - e. What prayers have been answered?
  
7. How can we pray for you?

## **PRAYER**

Thank God for his faithfulness which reminds you he is trustworthy. Ask him to let his word dwell deep into your heart, and for you to experience his complete security, peace, and presence as a shepherd.