

Week of December 8, 2019 Christmas Promises from the Old Testament

**IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator** - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent last week, send a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

*Take time to pray for each member of your group. Begin thinking of a blessing you might share with each member of the group during the Christmas season.*

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passages, **Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7** and to respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. There is no assigned memory verse this week. Encourage your group to review all their previous verses.

### **Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions**

**Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)**

### **DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS**

- At the last gathering we talked about priorities and discernment. Are there any more thoughts on that?
- How did your relational investments go this week? Where do you need help?

**Go over the last weeks' memory verses:** Luke 4:8, 4:31-32, 4:43, 5:10b-11, 5:12-13, 5:24, 5:32, 6:5, 6:12, 6:20-21, 6:27-28, 6:37, 6:45, 7:9, 7:14-15, 7:47-48, 8:15, 8:16, 8:21, 8:25, 8:38-39, 8:49-50, 9:23-24, 9:35, 9:44, 9:48, 9:62, 10:2, 10:20, 10:41-42, 11:9-10, 11:23, 12:4-5, 12:15, 12:47-48, 12:57, 13:3, 13:29-30, 14:11, 14:23, 14:26-27, 15:10, 16:14-15. (Pick random verses to review.)

**Our passages for this week are Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7.**

**Ask someone to read Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7.**

**Ask the group to share their responses to the following:**

- How has God spoken to you this week through these passages?
- Both Micah and Isaiah were written over 700 years before the birth of Jesus. What does this tell you about Jesus' birth? What does this tell you about God's promises and God's timing?
- How are you going to practice your faith during the Christmas season?
- Over this past year, who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? How is that person doing?

**Ask someone to summarize or retell the passages. Ask people to share their favorite memory verses from this past year and ask them to share what it means to them. Encourage the group to keep reviewing the verses.**

**Hand out Guides for next week's passages. Galatians 3:23 through 4:5. Preparing Our Hearts for the Savior.**

**Close in Prayer.**

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**During the week prior to your group meeting, spend some time studying the assigned passages: Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7. How has God spoken to you this week through these passages?**

**Both Micah and Isaiah were written over 700 years before the birth of Jesus. What does this tell you about Jesus' birth? What does this tell you about God's promises and God's timing?**

**How are you going to practice your faith during the holiday season?**

**Think back over this past year. Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? How are these people doing?**

**There are no assigned memory verses this week. Go over your verses for this year and note the verse or verses that spoke to you the most during this past year. Be ready to share in your small group why that verse spoke to you. Review past verses.**

**Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.**