

A First Church Christmas: An Ancient Christmas - The Ruler: Micah

5:1-5

Questions

1. Does anyone have a new thing they learned from Rob's Sermon? Can you remember who was a contemporary prophet of Micah?
2. What is your idea of a peaceful setting on this Earth? Describe it in terms both positive and negative. Peace does not always come immediately. Micah 5:5 says in part:
"And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces." The Assyrians did conquer Israel. How could God's promise of peace sustain Israel?
3. Are there any people or nations that are outside of God's plan such as the Assyrians? Discuss.
4. Can you give an example of what the rule of Jesus looks like in your heart?
5. Give an example of a time in your life when you thought one way and the rule of Jesus caused you to think more humbly? If you can, tell how God worked his plan with your situation.
6. Was there a time when you expected God to overthrow your adversary but He chose not to do so?
7. Rob said that Jesus doesn't necessarily defeat the enemy - he frees us from the enemy. Can you give a personal illustration of this? Give an example in your life when your enemy defeated you, but later you saw God's peace overcome the enemy's victory.
8. When you celebrate what Christ has told us to do, to take the bread and cup in remembrance of Him, what comes to your mind first?
9. Close in Prayer