

Great Story of God

The Great Restoration

Micah 4:1-5; 7:18-20

TALK IT OVER

Study Context

There will come a time when all things are restored under our Great King. God will call not only the nation of Israel, but all nations from every corner of the earth to stream up the mountain of the King. As God rescues His people (even in the here and now), He calls them to learn from Him as we meditate on the law day and night (Psalm 1). In this, we see a glimpse of this reality in the sermon on the mount, and on Mount Calvary, where streams of water flow to all nations, and out of the chaos of death, death shall be no more. The Great Restoration is good news for those who feel like, in this Advent season, they have no hope. Hope comes through a child in a manger to bring about this reality.

Passages

"It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, and many nations shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the people walk each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever." –Micah 4:1-5 (ESV)

"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old." –Micah 7:18-20 (ESV)

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Share: (15 Min)

- What are some highs and lows for the week?
- Was there any one thing that you most agreed with or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?

Head: (10 Min)

- Read Micah 4:1-5; 7:18-20, describe in your own words what the prophet is explaining to Judah.
- How is this a promise of restoration?
- Who is this promise for?

Heart: (10 Min)

- When you think of restoration what images come to mind?
- What things are you waiting for to be restored?

Hands: (10 Min)

- What are some things in our community around us that need restoration? How can we actively pursue that this Advent Season?
- Are there any relationships that need restoration? What are some steps you need to take toward restoration?

Start Praying. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.