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Groups Sermon Study Questions

The Return of the King

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Message Summary

The purpose of the book of Micah was to afflict the comfortable with a dose of reality and comfort the afflicted with a sign of hope.

Consider This

I've often heard the phrase, "waiting is the hardest part." Describe a time when you had to wait for something you were promised would happen. Did you enjoy waiting? Did you ever lose hope that it would happen?

We live at a time when nearly everything is available at our fingertips at any moment. What impact do you believe that has had on our willingness to wait for anything in our lives?

Micah 5:2-5a

1. Bethlehem was not a place of significance, yet what does God promise will come from it?

2. God does keep his promises! Look at 2 Samuel 7:8-16. King David was from the city of Bethlehem (1 Samuel 17:12). What promises does God make to David? How does Micah show God continuing to keep His promise to David?

3. How is this promise to David fulfilled? (See Luke 2:4-7)4. It was nearly 700 years since God first made this promise to	Action Steps Life in the Waiting It can be difficult to live while waiting. Yet these times could be some of the most beneficial times in our lives. Below are four encouragements to remember when we are in a season of waiting. Spend some time together engaging with these.		
David before Jesus was born, 700 years of rebellion, and reconciliation; of exile, and return. The people of Israel did not wait patiently, even falling in patterns of sin. Yet, God still fulfilled His promise. How do we, today, wait for the	1) God is Still Faithful! Deuteronomy 7:8-9	3) Do What You Know to be Right!	
promises God gives us?	Psalm 89:1-8	Micah 6:8 Matthew 25:34-40	
	1 Corinthians 1:8-9	Colossians 3:1-17	
5. Verses 4-5 speak about a shepherd. What does a shep-	Hebrews 3:1-3	Philippians 1:27-30	
herd do for his sheep?	2) He is Working on Us!2 Corinthians 12:5-10	James 1:22-25	
	Philippians 1:3-6	4) Connect With Others! Acts 2:42-27	
6. God desires to care for us in the same manner. How have you seen this in your life? How has He: protected you? provided for you? given you direction? corrected you?	James 1:2-5	Hebrews 10:23-25	