

## “The 2,700-year-old Christmas Prophecy: The Birthplace”

## Discussion Questions

But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.  
His goings forth are from long ago,  
From the days of eternity.”  
Therefore He will give them up until the time  
When she who is in labor has borne a child.  
Then the remainder of His brethren  
Will return to the sons of Israel.

And He will arise and shepherd His flock  
In the strength of the Lord,  
In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God.  
And they will remain,  
Because at that time He will be great  
To the ends of the earth.  
This One will be our peace.

Micah 5:2-5a

Background information:

1. Christmas is not just the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_, it's \_\_\_\_\_ taking on \_\_\_\_\_ flesh. (Micah 5:2; Mt. 2:1-6)
2. If you believe the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story (His \_\_\_\_\_), you should also believe the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story (His \_\_\_\_\_). (Micah 5:4,5a; Lk. 12:32)

1. What is your earliest memory of Christmas?
2. What is the hardest change you have had to make? Why?
3. Look over your sermon notes and share with your group some insights you gleaned from listening to the sermon.
4. Discuss some of the HUGE changes Jesus had to make in order to take on human flesh. What does this indicate about His love for you? (See 2 Cor. 8:9 for inspiration.)
5. In spite of all the evidence (fulfilled prophecies, eye-witness accounts, historical records, personal experiences, etc.) that demonstrate that Jesus is truly Who the Bible says He is, why do people still refuse to believe Who He is and what He has done for them? (Hint: read 2 Cor. 4:4, but only AFTER you have given your answers. 😊)
6. There are over 300 Messianic prophecies in the Old Testament that Jesus has already fulfilled. Please list them. Just kidding. Look up some of the ones YET to be fulfilled and comment on them with excitement. (See: Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:6,7; 11: 1-9; 60:18-22 and 61:1-3.)
7. What is the best thing about Christmas? Why?