

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE: DECEMBER 14, 2025

### THE GOOD SHEPHERD HAS COME – 1 SAMUEL 17, MICAH 5:2-5

#### DISCUSSION STARTER

When you hear the question, "Have you ever felt that God has rejected you?" what kinds of life moments or experiences tend to make that feeling surface most strongly in our lives?

#### TEXT

Read Micah 5:2-5

#### DISCUSSION

##### **Have you ever Felt that God has Rejected you?**

- a. Israel often interpreted hardship as a sign of God's rejection. Why do you think it's so natural for us to connect suffering with the idea that God has turned away?

##### **David: Too Small!**

- a. In 1 Samuel 17, David is repeatedly described as "too small"—too young, too insignificant, too inexperienced. What do you think this reveals about the difference between how God measures readiness and how people usually do?

##### **Bethlehem: Too Small!**

- a. Both David and Jesus come from Bethlehem, a small, unimpressive, and easily overlooked village. Why do you think God repeatedly chooses small places and humble beginnings to reveal His saving work?

##### **Jesus: The Shepherd who goes Lower**

- a. Jesus is presented as the Good Shepherd who does more than lead, He lays down His life for the sheep. How does this challenge common ideas about power, leadership, and greatness, even within our own hearts?
- b. How might the way God comes to us at Christmas reshape how you interpret seasons when He feels silent or distant?

**Take Time to Pray:**



