

FROM BETHLEHEM WILL COME A RULER

Micah 5:2-4
Key verse 2

Discussion questions:

- How is our situation like that of Micah's time?
- Why do people need Jesus to rule over us?
- How does Christ protect his people?

Inductive study questions:

1. What was the situation of Israel in Micah's time? (Micah 1:6-7, 3:9-11, 5:1) Why did this cause doom and gloom in Israel? What was significant about Bethlehem? How was this a prophecy? (Mt 2:6) What kind of ruler would Jesus be? What was his origin?
2. How would Israel be abandoned? How is abandonment part of God's love? How does this promise help fill them with hope? (3; Isa 9:6)
3. How does the Messiah take care of the people of God? (4) How could they live securely? (Ps 23) In what way is he divine? What does this mean to us? What significant difference does this make in our life? How far will his power and greatness reach?