

WEEK 3 - THE RETURN OF THE KING

OVERVIEW

Throughout the book of Micah, even as the prophet decries the failings of Israel's kings, he also weaves a thread of hope that one day the nation would once again be ruled by Yahweh, the compassionate and powerful shepherd-king. This type of rule, both gentle and strong, can be a gift of comfort to those of us who are now living in this kingdom. Now that he is on the throne, is Jesus the king of our lives?

I will gather together those who are lame, those who have been exiles, and those whom I have filled with grief... Then I, the Lord, will rule from Jerusalem as their king forever.

Micah 4:6-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Micah 2:12-14, 4:6-8, 5:2-5.

- 1. What characteristics of a leader are important to you?
- 2. Compare and contrast the leaders of Israel during Micah's time with the leader promised to them.
- 3. Why is it significant that the LORD himself says he will gather and lead and guide them?
- 4. How do Micah's prophesies help us to better understand the heart, mission, and ministry of Jesus?
- 5. When you think of the future, do you feel hopeful? Why, or why not?
- 6. Do you consider Jesus the king of your life? If so, in what way(s)?
- 7. In what ways could you allow Jesus more access to reign?