

**Discussion Questions for the Sermon on December 13,
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” Micah 5:1-5a**

1. How is our culture sensing the chaos of the world? What are examples of how pop culture contributes to the chaotic state that surrounds us?
2. Read Micah 5:1-5a (use more than one translation if available). What is the state of Israel based on v.1? What do you think God’s purpose is as He speaks these words through Micah?
3. How are things going for us in America? How is America different today than 50 years ago? What is the religious environment in our country today? How are Christians viewed by the world?
4. According to v.2, what is God’s immediate spiritual solution as we face a world in serious trouble? How does the Old Testament substantiate the validity of who the Messiah is and what He has come to do?

Genesis 3:15; 12; 21; 49:10

Isaiah 7:14; 11; 53:5

Jeremiah 23:5

Psalms 16:11; 110:1

5. How has God’s solution (Jesus) made a difference in the world? In the arts? In care? In missions? In learning?
6. According to Micah 5:3-5a, what is God’s second solution for the chaotic world? See Revelation 22:10-21 for more insight.
7. How do you derive peace from verses 4-5a? What do you learn about Christ’s character from these two verses?
8. Based on the lessons learned in Micah 5:1-5a, how should we respond as true followers of Christ? How should we live in the chaos of the messy middle between Christ’s first and second coming? Titus 2:11-13; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15; 1 Timothy 6:11-16