



Micah 4:6-5:15

Don't Waste Your Suffering

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

The Advent season is a remembrance of the birth and life of Jesus, and an anticipation of his triumphant second coming. As we look prophecies of Micah, we are reminded of deserved judgment and undeserved grace, the holiness of Christ, and the future hope of restoration and redemption.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. *Trust in the Lord's Plan*¹: What is God plan for us? How is suffering a part of how God is accomplishing His purpose? How does Jesus' suffering on the Cross relate to our suffering? In what specific way would your life be different if you completely trusted God's plan in suffering? What do you need to do or believe to trust more fully?

2. *Worship the Lord's Messiah*²: Looking at the list in Micah 5, which of these causes you to worship the Messiah? Even though Christ was perfect, He humbled Himself to show the power and grace of God. He calls us, as sinners, to be humbled. Is there an area of pride where the Holy Spirit is convicting you? How can you pursue humility, repent and worship, in order to show God's glory?

3. *Embrace the Lords Discipline*³: How has God revealed more of Himself to you through a trial or suffering? How was God growing you? What are your tendencies in trials? Do you need to repent of any of these responses and what do you need to believe? If your hope is not just to make it through suffering, then what is your Hope? Can you ever honor God perfectly in your suffering? Do you have an unbeliever in your life who needs to know this Hope?

PRAYER

Spend time in prayer thanking God for sending Jesus to satisfy the wrath of God and rescue his people from deserved judgement. Pray for unbelievers and pray for opportunities to share the gospel message of hope, joy and peace.

¹ Micah 4:6-13, Rom. 8:18, 1 Peter 5:10, 2 Cor. 4:16-18, Proverbs 3:5-6

² Micah 5:1-9

³ Micah 5:10-15, Hebrews 12:6-11, Romans 5:3-5