

Sermon Discussion Guide

God's Surprising Grace

Micah 5:1–15

The promise of a coming ruler (1–6)

1 Sam. 16:1–13; 17:12; 2 Sam. 7:12–16; Isa. 11:1; John 10:1–18; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:13–18

- What was the context in which Micah's promise of a coming ruler was given? See verse 1.
- Why would the people have been surprised that the promised ruler would come from Bethlehem?
- What are some of the results of the coming ruler's reign that Micah highlights?
- In what ways are we tempted to look for peace in something/someone other than Christ?

The powerful impact of the remnant (7–9)

Matt. 5:16; 2 Cor. 2:15–16; 10:4–5; Eph. 6:10–18; 2 Thess. 1:6–8

- What two pictures does Micah give of the remnant's impact in the world?
- How do believers bring refreshment to the world?
 - Are there any non-Christians with whom you regularly share the gospel?
 - How could you seek to build relationships with people who need to hear the gospel?
- How do believers have a destructive impact in the world? See 2 Cor. 2:15–16

The purification of the remnant (10–15)

Isa. 31:1; 1 Thess. 5:23–24; Heb. 12:5–11; 1 Pet. 1:16

- What kinds of things were God's people tempted to put their trust in?
- What does God promise to do to the people's objects of false security?
- How do these verses show that God's purifying work in our lives is often painful?
- What God-substitutes are you tempted to trust in?