



Sermon Discussion Questions
Sunday, December 21, 2025

“Waiting for Jesus Kingdom”

Micah 5: 2-5

Pastor Clay Smith

- **An Unexpected Savior**

Micah says the ruler will come from “little” Bethlehem. Why do you think God so often chooses what seems small, weak, or overlooked? Where do you see God working through what feels insignificant in your own life right now, and why is that so often hard to trust?

- **An Unexpected Timing**

Verse 3 uses the image of labor and birth to describe waiting for God’s deliverance. What makes waiting on God so difficult for you personally? How does knowing that God works purposefully in the waiting change the way you endure it?

- **An Unexpected Result**

Micah says of the coming ruler, “He shall be their peace” in a way deeper than expected—not just the absence of conflict, but reconciliation through the cross. How is the peace Jesus brings different from the kind of peace our culture looks for? Where do you most need *that* kind of peace today?

- **From Apparent Defeat to True Victory**

Much of God’s work—Jesus’ birth, cross, and even our own lives—can look like defeat before it looks like victory. Where are you tempted to assume God is absent or late, and how does the gospel challenge that assumption?