

## ADVENT SERIES – WEEK FOUR – SUMMARY

### Prophet Micah

- Called to prophesy the coming destruction of Jerusalem
- He spoke against the ways Israel acted in idolatry and dishonesty – often at the expense of those who are poor.
- Micah 4:1-5 God will restore right relationships through His Son, the Prince of Peace.
- When we live in right relationship with God and others, we will know true peace.

### Mary and Joseph

- They did not demand more than what was rightly theirs.
- They were able to see God in each person they encountered.
- They were content with their role as creature.

### Our Call to Live in the Peace Jesus Brings

- We are called to live in right relationship with God, recognizing He is creator, judge and all powerful.
- We are called to live in right relationship with others, recognizing their human dignity, living nonviolently and advocating for the those who are less fortunate.

### Questions for Reflection:

- Do I try to assume God's role of being in control? Do I put more trust in my own ability to manage things than in God? Do I take my concerns to God first or only after I've exhausted my own efforts?
- Do I set myself up as judge of others?
- Do I recognize each person as a beloved child of God and treat them accordingly? Am I generous with my mercy and forgiveness?
- Do I live nonviolently in my words and tone of voice? Am I gentle or rushed and hurried?
- Do I go out of my way to seek out those most in need and do all I can to assist them?
- How do I extend peace to others? How has Covid affected the way I give others the sign of peace?

### Scripture Quotes:

- **Ps. 4:8** "In peace I lie down, and fall asleep at once, since you alone, Yahweh, make me rest secure."
- **Job 22:21-22** "Well then! Make peace with God, be reconciled, and all your happiness will be restored to you. Welcome the teaching from his lips, and keep his words close to your heart."
- **Is. 9:6** "For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders: and this is the name they give him: Wonder Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

- **Jn 14:27** "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you."
- **Jn 16:33** "I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will have trouble but be brave: I have conquered the world."
- **Gal 5:22** "What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control."
- **Phil 4:6-7** "There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."
- **1 Pet 5:7** "Unload all your worries onto him, since he is looking after you."