

Scripture and Background Information for August 19-25

Before Sunday, August 26, we would like each group member to personally study **Micah 4:1-4** and to discuss it with their group. Group members should complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns in our new **Discussion Guide**.

Background Information for Micah 4:1-4

Micah was a prophet during the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 B.C. Preaching in the middle of this decline, Micah calls the people of Israel to repent from their continuous sin. However, their previous time of economic security and absence of enemies left them feeling secure, and they began slipping away from God's commands. Micah is split into three parts: a third targets the sins of the people, a third explains God's coming punishment, and a third promises hope.

As we discussed last week in Revelation 20:11-15, God would judge every person. In Micah 4:1-4, Micah gives his audience a promise of hope—an era in which Jerusalem would be exalted and all would recognize its importance in God's purposes. That era we know as the kingdom in which Jesus will return and establish his kingdom on Earth. Micah catches a vision of it and provides his audience a message about what was to come. His message provides hope for us as well. It gives us an image of how life will be as Jesus returns.

Wrapping up *The Summer of 10,000 Blessings*, June 10 – August 19

Our calling as Christ-followers will always be *to display and declare who God is and what He's like everywhere we go*. This summer hundreds of you decided to be intentional to find at least one way each week to BLESS someone who does not know Christ. Let's continue to make a difference wherever we go!

Here are the Scriptures for your group to discuss during the week of...

August 26- September 1

Revelation 21:1-5

September 2-8

Jeremiah 29:4-7

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