



HOME GROUP STUDY 21st December 2025

Micah 5: 2-5 THE STRONG SHEPHERD

1 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

5 And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

- 1. Before reading any scripture: what does Jesus being the Good Shepherd mean to you?**
- 2. Now read Micah 5: 4-5a and John 10: 1-21. Jesus uses two descriptions about himself: "I am the door of the sheep" (v7) and "I am the good shepherd" (v14). This passage has so many attributes that relate to Jesus' care for his sheep – what can you find? What stands out for you?**
- 3. Read also 1 Sam 17: 31-37. What do these passages tell you about being a shepherd? Note that Moses was also a shepherd for 40 years before becoming leader of the Israelites and leading them out of Egypt.**
- 4. What do these passages tell you about being a leader? Also look at Acts 20: 28-31. What could verses 29 and 30 mean today?**
- 5. What does being a sheep mean? Read Ps 23. This is a psalm of joyful praise and trust in God the good Shepherd-King; what does this Psalm tell us in that context?**