

DISCUSSION GUIDE

September 27, 2020

We are **One Church, Scattered together!** Whether you are joining us in-person or online, know we are worshipping God **together**, sharing life **together**, and loving our neighbors **together** as one church gathered in many homes!

If you are a leader, participant, or host of a gathering and have questions?

Reach out to Rob and Elyse Pegggar (elyse.peggar@vcgurnee.org).

Worship in The Preaching of Scripture

Series: Hope Amidst Darkness

Title: A Mountain of Hope

Reference: Micah 4:1-5

Share Life Together :: Discussing the Text Most Recently Preached

1. Whether you've actually visited mountains or seen them in pictures, what words would you use to describe them? What are stories or experiences related to mountains that you remember from the Bible? How are mountains typically portrayed in the Bible?
2. Read Micah 3:12 and Micah 4:1. How do these two images contrast each other? How have you personally seen a "tipping/turning point" in someone's life, maybe even your own?
3. Read Micah 4:2-5. What promises of hope and healing really resonate with you from these verses? As we yearn for these promises, how can they help and inspire us today while we still experience injustice, war, conflict, disease, death, and so many challenges?
4. Read Psalm 46 as we dive deeper into this parallel passage.
 - What images or promises jump out to you from this Psalm?
 - What false substitutes can we be tempted to put in place of "GOD" in verse 1? (ie – what things/systems/people do we sometimes put our hope in instead of God?) Why is this so tempting for us to do? What is the danger of doing this?
 - What is the powerful message of the final two verse, vv10-11? Why can we "be still" and trust God?
5. Let's take a look at some of the final words in the whole Bible – read Revelation 21:1-8. How does the imagery of these verses echo what we read in Micah 4:1-5? What promises in these verses really resonate with you personally? How can the hope of heaven help us today and how can this hope inspire us to "flow out" to share the Gospel message with others?

For Further Study: Micah 4:1-3 is a parallel passage to Isaiah 2:1-4. Compare both of the passages and the context surrounding them. What connections and/or contrasts do you notice?

Worship in Family Together

Parents, talk to your kids about what it will be like when Jesus reigns as the King of all here on earth. Talk with them about what they think will change when Jesus is in charge. This might lead to a discussion of heaven and what that will be like. That's OK; it's important to have discussions about eternal things with your children. Not only will you be blessed with their insight (I always was!), but it is a way to begin putting Colossians 3:1-2 into action!

Love your Neighbors Together

You may be looking for ways to share the love of Jesus with others as an individual or as a gathering. Knowing this season provides unique opportunities to love our neighbors, we ask that you contact Pastor Brandon (brandon.smith@vcgurnee.org) for more information about current opportunities to serve.