

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. What is your idea of a peaceful Christmas? How do our general ideas differ from the actual experience of Mary and Joseph in bringing Jesus into the world?
2. Why is fulfilled prophecy such an amazing faith booster? Examine Micah 5:2-5a and Isaiah 53. What specific details do you notice in these prophecies that were fulfilled?
3. When you think about yourself, do you see yourself as a good person? Why or why not? What does the Bible say about each of us? See Jeremiah 17:9 and Romans 3:23. Why is it necessary for us to recognize our sin before we sense the need for a Savior? See Matthew 1:20-21 and Luke 18:9-14.
4. Turning our focus from celebrating Christmas to celebrating Jesus can be difficult because of our commitment to our Christmas traditions. What are some ways you plan to keep your focus on Jesus and the peace he brings this Christmas?

MEMORY VERSE

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Micah 5:2