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***The Expectant Hope for a
Shepherd King***

Micah 5:2-5a

1. Why do you think the people of Israel, despite knowing the prophecies, often misunderstood the Messiah's mission? What dangers do we face in misunderstanding Jesus' life and mission even today?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's timing in fulfilling His promises? What practical steps can we take to trust in God's promises when His timing doesn't align with our expectations?
3. What parallels do you see between the shepherd imagery in Micah 5:4 and Jesus' teaching in John 10:11-16?

How does God's plan to send a Shepherd King reflect His care for His people?

4. How does Jesus give us peace in the present? How does He promise peace for the future? How do John 14:27 and John 16:33 affirm Jesus' role as our peace in the midst of life's tribulations?
5. How can we cultivate an "expectant hope" for Jesus' second coming, as Micah's audience hoped for His first? How can we grow in our worship of Jesus and our longing for Jesus to return, rather than simply knowing about Him?