



Week 4
31 Oct - 6 Nov 2021

**SMALL GROUP WEEKLY
DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL**

“The day for building your walls will come,
the day for extending your boundaries” Micah 7:11

THE BOOK OF
MICAH

GOD'S OFFER of HOPE

Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation
Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

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Week 4

Moving away from unrest towards peace

BIBLE READING:
Sunday: Micah 4:1-7

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:
It is well with my soul – Anthony Evans
<https://youtu.be/2fvGxCmvnCU>



Reflection by Yvonne Roberg

Here in the book of Micah, Micah prophesizes about the future millennial kingdom. During this time Jesus will come to reign in power and glory on earth. People from all different nations will “flow” to God’s kingdom in Jerusalem to worship Christ, to learn his ways and to walk along his path. Jesus will judge all the nations and there will no longer be any need for weapons and war, peace will prevail.

When Micah talks about everyone “sitting under his vine and his fig tree” he is using a metaphor that was used as a description of the peaceful era during Solomon’s reign. Micah intimates that during the Millennium people fill fear nothing (v.4) and that all will be well!

When Jesus came to earth, he claimed: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you”* (John 14:27). Jesus taught that the Kingdom of God had arrived and with it the Gift of the Holy Spirit. Although we don’t experience universal peace yet, the Holy Spirit promises us peace right now in every aspect of our lives. Philippians 4:7 notes: *“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Today I invite you, regardless of your circumstances, to move away from unrest to peace, to *“walk in the name of our Lord”*. Invite the Holy Spirit to birth peace into your mind and your heart and your soul and to fill you with the assurance that no matter what you are experiencing now, God promises us a hope and a future with him, forever and ever. This promise ensures that we truly are able to sing, regardless of sickness, death, sorrow, poverty, loss or any other trial, it truly is *“Well with my soul”!*

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Do you believe in the reign and supreme ruling of Christ in our time??
2. In what parts of your life are you struggling with peace?
3. Do you confidently believe that despite your circumstances *“It is well with your soul?”*
4. If you don’t have the assurance of salvation unto eternity, who can you reach out to talk about how you feel?
5. How can you spread God’s peace here on earth now to others?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

MONDAY: Isaiah 60:1-4

Memory verse: *“Arise, shine; for your light has come!”* (v.1)

Prayer: Jesus, you are the light of the world, that takes away the darkness. Thank you so much for coming to earth, for leaving your heavenly abode in order to save me!

TUESDAY: John 14:15-22

Memory verse: *“Because I live, you will live also”.* (v19 b)

Prayer: Jesus thank you for the gift of salvation! Indeed, it is through our faith in you that we are promised the gift of eternal life. We praise and worship you and give thanks for your sacrifice.

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 2:1-5

Memory verse: *“O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the Lord”.* (v.5)

Prayer: Jesus thank you that you are the way and the truth and the light. Please help me to always remain and walk in your light.

THURSDAY: I John 4:16-21

Memory verse: *“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”* (v. 16)

Prayer: Father God please help me to abide in your love. Help me to love those who are lost, to care for those who are weak and sick and to reach out to the poor. Abide in me Jesus so that others can see your light in me.

FRIDAY: Acts 10:34-36

Memory verse: *“In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality”.* (v.34)

Prayer: Father, please help me not to show any favouritism amongst man, but rather to treat each and every person that I meet as your child.

SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-21

Memory verse: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new." (v.17)

Prayer: Jesus, thank you that through my faith in you, I am a new creation! Fill me with your Spirit, refresh and renew my mind and my heart so that each day I can be more like you.



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER WEEK 4

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: Micah 4:1-7

Allow children/teens to read out loud for the family.

Activity/Family Moment:

How often do you tell your family to be safe? Do you say things like lock the car doors, windows up or do you make sure the alarm is armed and your home security is working? Have you ever thought a there would be a time where you wouldn't need to worry about such things?

In verse 4 it states that every man will sit under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid. This was a proverbial picture of peace, security and contentment.

Talk about what this may look like for you.

In verse 6-7 the Lord declares 'I will' statements which are promises. God does not break a promise.

Discuss: Have you broken promises before? Have you kept a promise, what does that mean and feel like? Has anyone kept their promise to you? Do you believe that God will keep his promises?