

## **Lectionary Bible Study**

### **For Sunday, December 22, 2024 (Advent 4)**

#### **Micah 5:2-5a**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What does Ephrathah mean?
2. Why would God's promised ruler come from such an insignificant place?
3. Who is the ruler referred to in these verses: King David, Christ Jesus, or both? Use the description found in verse two to help with your answer.
4. Compare the hopelessness in Micah 5:1 with the security and peace described in verses 4-5. Who makes the difference? And what does his presence mean for the people?

#### **Hebrews 10:5-10**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. What is it that God desires?
2. Why would God not be pleased with something that He commanded be done?
3. In what way(s) does Christ replace the inadequate sacrifices of the Law?
4. How does Jesus' obedience relate to our holiness (vv. 9-10)?

#### **Luke 1:39-55**

##### **Discussion Starters**

1. Why did Mary visit Elizabeth?
2. For what does Mary praise God in her song (vv. 47-55)?
3. How will Jesus fulfill the themes of Mary's song?
4. What do you admire the most about Mary? Why?
5. In what way(s) is Mary's faith an inspiration or example to you?

##### **WRAP UP**

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?