

# 11/12/17 | Jesus, B.C.: Minor Prophets, Part 1



*"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." —John 10:11, NIV*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever petted a sheep? Have you ever tried to herd sheep? How intelligent are sheep?
2. What sort of things did God imply when He called His people sheep? What did He mean by making Jesus our Shepherd?
3. Consider this quote. How does this relate to Israel and the minor prophets? How does it relate to us?

*"If sheep do not have the constant care of a shepherd, they will go the wrong way, unaware of the dangers at hand. They have been known to nibble themselves right off the side of a mountain... And so, because sheep are sheep, they need shepherds to care for them. The welfare of sheep depends solely upon the care they get from their shepherd. Therefore, the better the shepherd, the healthier the sheep."*  
—Kay Arthur

## Spirit

4. Who is speaking in Joel 2:28-29? How does that promise compare with Acts 2:33 and 1 Corinthians 12:13?

## Name

5. What do the verses in Joel 2:32a, Micah 4:5, and 1 Corinthians 1:2 have in common?
6. Skim Acts 2:16-36. Which attributes does Peter connect to Jesus?

## **Judge**

7. Who is God judging in Joel 3:12 and Micah 4:3a? Who is the judge in John 5:22-23?
8. What are your reactions to reading Revelation 20:11-3?

## **Shepherd**

9. What is Israel compared to in Amos 3:12, Micah 5:4, and 7:14?
10. Find similarities between Micah 2:12-13 and John 10:3-4, 9.

## **Peace**

11. Read Micah 5:5a and Ephesians 2:14. How is Jesus our peace?

## **Resurrection**

12. Read Jonah 1:17-2:3,10. Describe Jonah's experience. Who was in control? How do you know? Read Matthew 12:39-41. What did Jesus predict? Read Luke 24:6-7. What happened? How is this like what happened to Jonah?

## **Bethlehem**

13. Read Micah 5:2 and Matthew 2:6. What made this passage important to the Israelites? What makes it important to us?
14. Which of these prophecies do you find the most inspiring to you today? How does studying the connections between the Old Testament and Jesus enhance your understanding of Him?