



Week One: A Star Is Coming

Philippians 2:12-16

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. ¹⁴Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe ¹⁶as you hold out the word of life—in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing.

Micah 5:1-2

Marshal your troops, O city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. ²But 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."

I. A Star of Hope

A. The prophecy brought hope in the midst of _____

1. God allows darkness in our life so that we can identify the _____.
2. Knowing Christ is _____ keeps us going.

B. The prophecy brought the promise of _____

1. _____ reminds us that God has not forgotten about us.
2. Your importance is not based on _____ you are but _____ you are.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

II. A Star of Distinction

- A. The coming star is unique in _____ and _____.
- B. The coming star is a _____.

Isaiah 9:2

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

III. A Star of Truth

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- A. When truth dawns, _____ is found.
- B. Christ becomes the _____ for how we view life.

You cannot see the world correctly apart from Jesus.

Isaiah 9:6, 53:5-6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

IV. A Star of Peace

- A. Peace is a product of learning to rejoice in the _____ of Christ.
- B. Christ passed the test so you might be _____.