**BCM Bible Study – March 25-26, 2015**

**Minor Prophets Theme 2: Jesus is Shepherd, Priest, and King**

**Jesus as our Shepherd**

*The prophecy* (Zechariah 9:16, 10:2)

Read Micah 2:12-13, 5:2-5

Micah is prophesying after the Jewish people have split into Northern and Southern Kingdom, but before either was exiled. He prophesied the fall of Samaria & Jerusalem but also the gathering back of Israelites, and the even future gathering of all God’s people. He talks about just judgment and warns about their lack of genuine faith in God, hollow fake spirit, idols, and sin, but talks of the promise of restoration and hope because God will provide salvation to His people, His son. Micah 6:8 “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

*The fulfillment in Christ* (Hebrews 13:20)

Read John 10:14-15; 1 Peter 2:25

*Do we need a shepherd? What are the qualities of a shepherd and how is Jesus the fulfillment?*

*When you don’t look to the shepherd, what else do you look to for guidance, comfort, and peace?*

*What does this tell us about God and His love for us? How are we and how should we be responding?*

**Jesus as Priest**

*The prophecy* (Zechariah 6:12-13)

Read Zechariah 3:6-9

Zechariah is a co-worker with Haggai calling the returned Jewish remnant from exile back to the work of God rebuilding of the temple. There will be restoration of the temple, and of their spiritual inheritance; He will silence the accuser. God will bring justice and just judgment in the world, but also peace, protection and comfort to his people. It is the 2nd most OT book prophesying about the coming Messiah after Isaiah.

*The fulfillment in Christ* (Romans 8:34)

Read Hebrews 9:7-14, 7:24-8:1

*Do we need a priest? What are the qualities of priest and how is Jesus the fulfillment?*

*What does it mean to you that Jesus is your high priest? What does Jesus as priest do for us?*

*How is Jesus as priest linked to Jesus as our Savior?*

**Jesus as King**

*The prophecy* (Amos 9:11; Hosea 3:5)

Read Zechariah 9:9 (quoted in John 12:13)

*The fulfillment in Christ* (Matt. 2:2; John 12:13 – 15, 18:36-37; Acts 2:30; Rev 17:14)

Read Ephesians 1:17-23; Philippians 2:9-11

*Do you need a king? What are the qualities of a king; is Jesus the fulfillment? What happens when we don’t have one?*

*Jesus talked about being in His kingdom. (*Matthew 6:10, 33) *What does belonging to His kingdom mean for your life? Change of allegiance? Change of values and priorities? Change in your expectations? Change in life purpose?*

*Why does Jesus as Shepherd, priest or king stand out to you the most? Does hearing these change or encourage you in your relationship with Christ?*

*How does this relate to the gospel, how could you summarize what you just heard into your thoughts of the gospel?*

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4)