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| **SERIES** | ARRIVAL! |
| **BIBLE** | Micah 5:2-5a |
| **TITLE/TOPIC** | Love is HERE! |
| **OVERVIEW** | In a culture yearning and hoping for good news on Christmas we celebrate the BEST NEWS! The King is Here! The Son of God is born! Jesus has ARRIVED!  In Micah 5 we find a people waiting for good news. They are longing and searching for a savior. Micah says, the savior is in route, but He’s coming in the most unlikely of places, Bethlehem. The smallest city is bringing the savior.  The announcement in the arrival is that in Jesus, Love is here! |
| **SCRIPTURE BREAKDOWN** | **INTRO:**  **1. Anticipated Arrival – Micah 5:2**  From the Little comes the Great!  -V.2-Bethlehem is little yet the ruler is coming.  Krish Kandiah – “God has a habit of using the small and inconsequential to confound the large and powerful.”  **2. Savior Shepherd – Micah 5:3-5**  The Lord of Rest!  -V.3-the birth will bring rest to the people  -V.4-5 because:  -Shepherd in Strength.  -Cause the people to Dwell Secure  -Be their Peace!  **3. Shining Glory – Luke 2:8-15**  The Glory of the Lord Shone around them.  “The Linus Passage”  A Baby? That is what will change the world? |
| **GOSPEL** | How does this sermon bring people to the Gospel?  The Arrival means that we are invited to participate in this story.  In Jesus God has come near so we are invited to experience His love. |
| **NEXT**STEPS | Begin | Connect | Engage | Grow | Disciple  Begin – If you haven’t received this relationship, this power, come to the waters of baptism.  Connect –  Grow –  Disciple – Pray for interaction with family this week. |