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Study Questions
Christmas in the Prophets
The God of My Salvation
Micah 7:7-20
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Opening Discussion

1. Do you think feelings are a good source of truth? Why or why not?
2. Can you share a time when “thinking” with your feelings produced a negative result?
3. Do you always *feel* saved? Do you always *feel* forgiven? What happens if you go with those feelings?

Bible Study

1. Read Micah 6:1-3 for a little background. God is holding court and His people are on trial for their rebellion against Him. What does God want from His people according to Micah 6:6-8? What does He *not* want according to Micah 6:6-7?
2. Micah 6:13-16 gives us a taste of the consequences of their rebellion. Should we as Christians expect to experience the consequences of our foolish decisions? In other words, are we free to live as we please and expect God to constantly clean up our messes?
3. Read Micah 7:7-20. This closing section of Micah is a word of hope related to “the God of my salvation.” Summarize Micah 7:7-9.

How might this truth be contrary to our feelings when we are experiencing the consequences of our choices?

4. Have you noticed your “enemies” gloating when you fail to walk the walk as a Christian?

Do you see this in the culture in general? Why is this?

What is Micah’s warning to the “enemy?”

5. Oftentimes when we think with our feelings we imagine that God is like us in how He reacts to our failures and sins. Is that true according to Micah 7:18-20?

What is God like according to these verses?

6. The word translated “truth” in 7:20 means ‘pillars’ or ‘doorposts’ (see II Kings 18:16). What is the truth that supports or holds up our lives in the midst of our failures according to Micah 7:20?

What did God promise Abraham (see Genesis 15)?

Application

1. Write a one or two sentence summary of the truth we must focus on, even when we suffer the consequences of our foolish choices and sins.
2. What practical things can you do to make sure you think with your mind and not your feelings in times of struggle?
3. From this text, have each person choose one truth about Jesus the Savior that you are thankful for this Christmas season. Spend some time in prayer thanking God for that truth.