

30 Days Together
“Immanuel - God With Us”
#30daystogether

Day #9 – Dec. 4

Text: Micah 5:2

“But 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.”

Devotion: Kim Blount

Has the reality of a situation not lived up to your expectations? In 2016 our team of 6 left to minister to the kids in St. Petersburg, Russia. The average group for the last five years was 20 people so having only 6 made me question what kind of impact we could really have. Never underestimate what God can do! Our team was able to do so many things that a big team could not. We were able to navigate a big city quicker and easier than in years past and allowed access to places due to our small group.

When the Wise Men come to Jerusalem expecting to find the king of the Jews, King Herod’s scribes redirect them to Bethlehem based on this passage from Micah. They were expecting a Royal King not a baby born in a lowly cattle trough. Can anything good come out of Bethlehem (House of Bread), the smallest tribe of Israel? In the case of Bethlehem and those who come from her, the old biblical pattern holds true: the insignificant are exalted. The tables are turned, and the most unlikely of people are instruments of God’s salvation. From this insignificant little village, was born the King named Jesus (Bread of Life) who fulfills God’s long-awaited promise of deliverance, not just for Israel, but for the whole world.

Closing Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for showing us that good can come from the smallest of groups and/or towns. We celebrate your birth as our Ruler and King.