

The Heart of the Matter

12. In your mind how does Jesus actually demonstrate the titles listed in verse 6?

13. In what ways do you personally need a Wonderful Counselor? Mighty God? Everlasting Father? Prince of Peace?

14. From verse 3, in what areas of your life could you use more joy?

15. From verses 4-5, in what areas of your life do you need your burdens lifted or your conflicts removed?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

Unto Us A Child Is Born Isaiah 9:1-7 For the Week of December 19, 2021

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. When were you most in need of, or grateful for, a flashlight?
3. What is something that you have taken the most joy in over the years?

Digging Deeper

4. From Isaiah 8:19-22, what do you think Isaiah meant by the “darkness” in which the people walk that is mentioned in verse 2?

5. What particular suffering had Zebulun and Naphtali (in Israel) experienced? (2 Kings 15:29)

6. From verses 3-5, how does Isaiah describe the effects of the dawning light (see Judges 7:19-25 for Midian’s defeat)? In the context of the Assyrian threat, what does this light mean (10:26-27)?

7. How is the joy of this kind of hope described in verse 3? Why would this be so important for the nations of Israel and Judah to hear?

8. What will be the light? How is He defined in verses 6? Who is this ultimately describing?

9. From verse 6 what is so significant about the various titles attributed to the coming child?

10. From verse 6 what New Testament passages pick up on the themes of describing the coming Messiah? (Luke 1:32; 2:11; John 3:16; Matthew 4:12-17; 28:18; 1 Corinthians 15:25; John 8:12; 14:18) Any others?

11. How are verse 6 and 7 related? According to verse 7 what will be the nature of His reign?