

Scripture this week:

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Wonderful Counselor

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Salvation is coming.

Salvation is coming because the Savior is coming.

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on Isaiah 9:1-7

Notes:

Getting Started

1. Would you consider yourself more of a patient or impatient person? Why?
2. Can you think of a time when you had to be patient under great stress or in the midst of struggles?
3. Imagine waiting 700 years for a promise of deliverance to come to pass. How might it stretch and grow your faith?

Digging into the Text

4. Read Isaiah 9:1-7 and respond to these:
 - Summarize the major themes in this passage.
 - Based on vv. 1-5, describe the life transformation that will happen when God brings deliverance for His people?
 - In looking at v. 6-7, how will God bring the deliverance? What are the specific characteristics of the new kingdom that this child will one day rule? How might have these words brought great comfort to the original readers of this text?

Applying It to My Life

5. In reflecting on this prophecy about who Jesus is and how He will rule, how does it build your confidence in Him—even if things in this world are not currently going the way you wish?
6. As we enter the Advent season this week, what is a way that you better express your allegiance to and hope in Christ?
7. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to trust Christ patiently as He uses us to expand His kingdom that will never end?