

Scripture this week:

Isaiah 7:14

¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 9:6-7

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.

Philippians 2:4-11

⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mighty God

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Philippians 2:4-11

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**The counter-intuitive truth of Christmas -
A baby is born as the Mighty God.**

**Embracing the tension of a sovereign God
becoming a suffering Savior.**

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; Philippians 2:4-11

Getting Started

1. What is one of the greatest gifts you've received or given at Christmas?
2. Do you think our culture still encourages people to remember Jesus as the reason for the season? Or has materialism and pluralism almost completely erased Jesus from people's minds during the holidays?
3. How would you describe the incarnation to someone who is investigating the claims of Christianity for the first time?

Digging into the Text

4. Read Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6-7 and respond to:
 - Based on these verses, what specific signs/characteristics will demonstrate that the Savior has come? Have all of these signs been completely fulfilled in Jesus' first coming?
 - How do you hold in proper tension the counter-intuitive truths of the virgin-birth and Jesus being both God and man?
5. Read Philippians 2:4-11 and respond to:
 - Describe in what ways Jesus has demonstrated tremendous humility and how God the Father tremendously rewards it?

Applying It to My Life

6. As you consider Jesus' divinity and humanity, how does it inspire you to approach Him with awe?
7. What is one way you can demonstrate Jesus' humility and mercy to someone specific this week?
8. How can the group be praying for you as we all seek to treasure and share Jesus this Advent season?