

Resources

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Isaiah 9:6

*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.*

Sermon Outline:

1. Wonderful Counselor
 2. Mighty God
 3. Everlasting Father
 4. Prince of Peace
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Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

•Pastor Scott began the sermon with a long list of issues that we tend to focus on in our divided world. This is not an exhaustive list, but these are common issues in our world right now that grab our attention:

-Political

-Judicial

-Social

-Religious

-Economic

-Moral

-Racial

-Medical

Which of these issues are most important to you? When you give your full attention to solving these problems, do they add to your joy or drain your joy? Why do you think that is?

•There was a line in the prayer that read: "Lord, rid us of all the fruitless joys we feared to lose." What is a fruitless joy? Are you pursuing any fruitless joys? (How do you feel after you feast on fruitless joys?) How does Jesus give you a soul satisfying joy? Have you ever experienced that kind of joy?

•The sermon focused on the titles of the child prophesied in Isaiah 9:6. Think about each of these titles, and ask how this prophesied savior has the power to add to your joy.

Wonderful Counselor. *Jesus is greater than our minds. He is out of our reach.*

How does this bring comfort and joy? When was the last time you experienced the counsel of Christ? Perhaps you could explore other texts in the Bible that explore the depths of God's wisdom & counsel.

Mighty God. *Though Jesus took on flesh, he was not merely human; he is Mighty God!*

How does this bring comfort and joy? When was the last time you experienced the power of Christ? How does this impact your worship of Jesus? What other texts in the Bible point to the divinity of Christ?

Eternal Father. *Jesus is the "father of eternity." Though he was born, he had no beginning.*

How does this bring comfort and joy? How often do you dwell on the eternal, joyful reign of Christ? What other texts in the Bible point to the eternal reign of Jesus?

Prince of Peace. *Jesus is sovereign over our peace.*

How does this bring comfort and joy? Do you dwell on the fact that peace and joy are found *in a person*? What other texts in the Bible show us how Jesus is the Prince of Peace?

•Pastor Scott ended with a provocative question. Over the past year, what emotion has been most apparent in your life? Why do you think that is? What have you done (or not done) to invite that emotion into your life? Have you seen anyone who has exhibited true joy over the past year? What can you learn from that person?

