



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of December 19, 2022

1. Read Isaiah 9:1-7. What do you know about Isaiah? What was the purpose of a prophet? Even though God was going to send painful judgment on the people— it wouldn't be permanent. What 'good news' did Isaiah share in this section?
2. Who is the "child born" and "son given" in verse 6? When will the "government be on His shoulders"? Did this happen in His first coming?
3. Jesus is described as a "Wonderful Counselor". This means that His rule and reign will be marked by perfect wisdom and divine insight. Why is this good news for us? Name some of the biggest mistakes or missteps made by national leaders over the past 30-40 years.
4. In that future day, Jesus will be the "Mighty God". Read Revelation 19:11-16. How does this passage portray Jesus as a mighty warrior? How does it make you feel to know that one day Jesus will defeat all the enemies of darkness?
5. If Jesus is the "Son" of God, then why does Isaiah describe Him as "Everlasting Father"? Is Isaiah getting his understanding of the trinity wrong? In what sense will Jesus be a "father" during His reign? What are the best qualities of a father?
6. What does it mean that Jesus is the "Prince of Peace"? How does this apply to the dawn of a new day, when He rules the world? How has Jesus' peace impacted your life right now?
7. Many Christians today are negative, cynical, and discouraged about the darkness dominating this secular culture. What should our approach and attitude be? Read Matthew 5:14-16 as you answer. If we're not supposed to huddle together and hide, what is the right response?