



## FROM THE BIBLE

Matthew 7:11 (NIV)

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

James 1:5 (NIV)

Philippians 4:13 (NLT)

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

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# MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

Week 1 | The Best Gift Ever

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1. In this message, Joel started out by confessing that he still likes getting Christmas gifts. What's one of the best Christmas gifts you've ever gotten? What's one of the best gifts you've ever given?
2. Whether you have kids or not, why do you think most parents enjoy giving their kids good gifts? Read Jesus' words in Matthew 7:11...what does this verse help us understand about our Heavenly Father's heart towards us?
3. It's so common for us to think that *God's out to get us* instead of *God's out to give to us*. Do you ever think that? What do Jesus' words in the verse above remind us?
4. Read Isaiah 9:6. God used a prophet named Isaiah 700 years before Jesus' birth to tell us 4 reasons why Jesus would be *The Best Gift Ever* to us. What are the 4 names Isaiah gives this "gift" & pick one and say why that could be a great gift.
5. In this message, we broke down those 4 names you just discussed. The 1st is *Wonderful Counselor*. Read James 1:5 and talk about times when we need a wonderful counselor and specific habits we can put in our lives to receive that wisdom.
6. In this message, Joel said, *who you listen to is a preview of the future you*. Who or what do we sometimes prioritize listening to before God?
7. Isaiah also said, Jesus would be called *Mighty God*. What are some mountains we face in life where we need God's strength?
8. Joel said that the problem with mountains is we give them too much power. Then we read a quote from Mark Batterson that said, *there comes a moment when you must quit talking to God about the mountain in your life and start talking to the mountain about the God in your life*. Discuss that concept & how you can use it.
9. Read Ephesians 2:10. What are some key themes or words in this verse that can help us experience *The Prince of Peace* when we feel anxiety, fear, or worry.
10. How did this message, discussion, or Isaiah 9:6 help remind you that Jesus is *The Best Gift Ever*?