

Isaiah 9:6-7 New Living Translation

6 For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.

The government will rest on his shoulders.

And he will be called:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His government and its peace
will never end.

He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David
for all eternity.

The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies
will make this happen!

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share a time when you got what something you thought you wanted, but it ended up not going as you hoped.

Read Revelation 21:4 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-55. What comes to mind as you reflect on these passages?

How does the truth of Jesus' return affect how we live today?

Read Matthew 1:23 and Matthew 28:18-20. What does it mean that Jesus is "God with us"? What would it look like to live each moment aware of His presence?

Read Romans 5:3-5. What connection is Paul making here between trials and hope?

How does Jesus give us hope in the midst of trials?

In what areas of life are you struggling to hold on to hope? How can your group pray for you this week?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?