

## Small Group Questions

12/13.15

Brent Deffenbacher Speaking

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU:

1. When does your Christmas tree go up? Who helps decorate for Christmas? What other Christmas traditions do you observe from childhood? Have you added any new ones?
2. What gift do you remember hoping you would get for Christmas?

### LOOKING BACK:

On Sunday, Brent continued our month long theme of "Hope is Alive." He used passages from the prophet Isaiah that foretold the coming Hope, Jesus Christ.

### DIGGING DEEPER:

Verse: 7:14; Matthew 1:23

Matthew 1:23 shows that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 far more than anyone ever could have.

3. When facing a challenging crisis or season, how have you experienced Jesus as "Immanuel" ("God with us")?
4. What is something you are currently hoping for?

### TAKING IT HOME:

Read Isaiah 9:6. Most of us try to keep the gifts we're giving a secret. God did the exact opposite with his gift. He wanted the whole world to know that not only was he giving a gift, but also exactly what (*who*) that gift would be.

- **Wonderful Counselor** – *you can seek good advice from a lot of different sources, but there is only one Wonderful Counselor.*
- **Mighty God** – *God can solve your situation.*
- **Everlasting Father** – *God has a Heavenly Father's heart that goes out to you.*
- **Prince of Peace** – *He is the Prince of Peace (not the butler, sergeant or manager of peace), and real peace will fill the heart of anyone who seeks him*

5. Which of these "gifts" provide you with the most hope right now? Why?

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**Wednesday Nights:** *Join us at Peoples Church for our ongoing classes and Bible Studies for adults, youth and children on Wednesday nights at 7p*

### Christmas at Peoples Church:

- *Our Christmas production, "Hope Is Alive" will be performed on Sunday, December 20, during our regularly scheduled gatherings at 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30am, with an additional performance at 5:00pm that day.*
- *For our Christmas Eve Celebration, on Thursday, December 24, we will have 3 powerful one-hour candlelight gatherings. These will be held at 2:00, 3:30, and 5:00pm. Choir and Orchestra will participate and it will be a great time for families to celebrate this season together.*