

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Feeling exhausted and worn down as the year comes to an end? Has heaviness and grief overwhelmed your soul? Be encouraged - God is near, and He knows what you long for. Christmas is about God offering His people counsel, comfort, protection and peace. Join us this Advent to discover how Jesus came (and will come again!) to replace our weariness with rejoicing.

The ways of the world are designed to wear you down and keep you weary.

Advent: Awaiting and anticipating the arrival of King Jesus.

Isaiah 9:1-7 (ESV)

The Wonderful Counselor

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| - Unmatched <u>Credibility</u> . | Hebrews 4:15-16 (ESV) |
| - Unstoppable <u>Compassion</u> . | Luke 19:10 (NIV) / Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV) |
| - Unmistakable <u>Candor</u> . | John 1:14 (NIV) / Luke 9:23-26 (NLT) |

From Weary to Rejoice

- Come to Jesus.
- Receive from Jesus.
- Walk with Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) How has this year been for you? Would you say you are worn down and weary, or hope-filled and energized? Explain.
- 3) Which aspect of Jesus as *The Wonderful Counselor* have you experienced most recently? Which do you need most now? Explain.
- 4) How do you engage with Jesus as *The Wonderful Counselor*? Practically, what does this look like in your daily/weekly life?
- 5) Who do you know that needs to hear the Good News of Advent this Christmas season? Reach out to let them know, pray with them, and invite them to church if possible.