

LIFEGROUPS

Group Study Guide: “Wonderful Counselor” Isaiah 9:1-7

SCRIPTURE

Main Text:	Cross References:
<i>Isaiah 9:1-7</i>	<i>John 8:12</i> <i>John 10:10</i> <i>John 14:16–17</i> <i>John 16:13</i> <i>Psalms 23:1–3</i> <i>Colossians 2:13a</i> <i>2 Timothy 3:16</i>

UNDERSTANDING THE STORY

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

Main Idea: In the darkness of a world trapped in sin, God promises a Light—a Savior who will guide, save, and rule with justice and peace.

Discussion Question:

1. What does it mean that the people “walking in darkness have seen a great light”?

2. Why does God give four names for this Child—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace?
 3. How does understanding Jesus as the “Wonderful Counselor” change how we think about His guidance?
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Read John 8:12

Main Idea: Jesus identifies Himself as the Light of the World—the one who illuminates our path, saves and gives life.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to “never walk in darkness” if you follow Jesus?
 2. Why is light necessary for life? *(Like plants need sunlight, our souls need Jesus to live, to grow, to thrive and flourish.)*
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Read John 10:10

Main Idea: Jesus brings life—not just survival, but abundant life.

Discussion Questions:

1. How is abundant life different from simply avoiding problems or having “good external appearances”?
 2. What does it look like in practical terms to follow Jesus into this abundant life?
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Read Colossians 2:13

Main Idea: Salvation is the ultimate resurrection—from death in sin to life in Christ.

Discussion Question:

1. What does being “made alive with Christ” mean?
 2. How does recognizing this reality change our approach to daily life and decisions?
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Read Psalm 119:105

Main Idea: Jesus guides us with unshakable truth.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does treating the Bible as a “light to your path” change the way you approach it daily?
 2. Are there areas where you’re following opinions, feelings, or trends instead of God’s Word?
 3. How can you make Scripture your daily guide instead of a seasonal or emergency reference?
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Read Psalm 23:1–3

Main Idea: Jesus, the Good Shepherd, guides us step by step.

Discussion Questions:

4. How does a shepherd’s hands-on guidance help us understand Jesus’ role as Wonderful Counselor?

5. Where in life do you most need Him right now to lead you through darkness, fear, or uncertainty?
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Read John 14:16–17 & John 16:13

Main Idea: Jesus doesn't just give a plan—He gives His Spirit to walk with us, guide us, and empower us daily.

Discussion Questions:

6. How does a shepherd's hands-on guidance help us understand Jesus' role as Wonderful Counselor?
 7. Where in life do you most need Him right now to lead you through darkness, fear, or uncertainty?
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MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Are you living like Christmas was canceled—functioning, busy, but spiritually dead—or like someone walking in the Light of Christ?
2. Where in your life are you trying to navigate darkness on your own instead of following the Wonderful Counselor?
3. Are there areas where you're chasing guidance from the world (social media, trends, opinions) instead of the Bible and Spirit-led counsel?
4. What would it look like for you to let Jesus' light guide every choice this week?

5. Where do you most need His abundant life, restoration, or step-by-step guidance right now?
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LIVING IT OUT

1. Daily Light Practice:

- a. Each morning, spend 5–10 minutes asking Jesus to illuminate your day and guide your steps.
- b. Read a passage of Scripture, and ask the Spirit to show you how it applies today.
- c. Journal or reflect on how God is guiding you through fear, uncertainty, or confusion.

- 2. Step Into Abundant Life:** Identify one area where you feel spiritually “dead” or stuck. Ask Jesus to bring life and freedom.
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ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER

Pair up and share:

A moment when you were spiritually dark or lost—how did God provide guidance or light?

Areas where you are trying to handle life on your own instead of following Jesus.

Practical ways you can let Jesus’ light guide your daily choices this week.

Pray together:

Thank Jesus for stepping into darkness and giving life.

Ask the Spirit to guide in truth, wisdom, and freedom.

Pray for hearts that follow Him daily, not just admire Him from a distance.