UPCOMING EVENTS:

LEGACY OFFERING - OPEN THROUGH DEC. 31

Each year we set aside a weekend to give ABOVE and BEYOND to leave a legacy that outlives our lives. Our Legacy Offering is OPEN from now until the end of the year. Pray about what God might have you give!

SAVE YOUR SEAT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE!

Tuesday, December 23rd: 6:00pm | 7:30pm

Wednesday, December 24th: 9:30am | 11:00am | 1:00pm | 2:30pm | 4:00pm



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:



CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!

MFSSAGE NOTES

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"Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever... the people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine." Isaiah 9:1-2

COMMIT TO MEMORY:

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. **Isaiah 9:6**

Everlasting Father: The God who NEVER GIVES UP.

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. HIs mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph, but before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiance, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus came to <u>REVEAL</u> the Father.

The Lord is like a father to His children, tender and compassionate... Psalm 103:13

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. **John 1:18**

He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word (Jesus). And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession. **James 1:18**

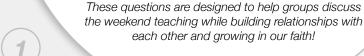
But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own children. **Galatians 4:4-5**

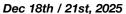
Jesus came to ADOPT us into his family.

And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father". Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. **Galatians 4:6-7**

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE





WARM UP

1. What was the "must-have" Christmas gift when you were a kid - or one you remember wanting badly?



KNOW IT

- 1. Read **Isaiah 9:6.** Why do you think Isaiah used relational names like *Everlasting Father* to describe the coming Messiah instead of titles of power alone?
- 2. In the story of King Ahaz, what made trusting God so difficult in the middle of the crisis? Where do you see parallels to our lives today?
- 2. Would you describe yourself as a planner or a last-minute Christmas shopper?
- 3. Read *Matthew 1:21-23.* What does Jesus' name and title (*Immanuel*) reveal about God's posture toward humanity?
- 4. Read *Galatians 4:4-7.* How does this message deepen our understanding of salvation beyond forgiveness alone?



SHARE IT

- 1. When you hear the word "FATHER", what emotions or experiences come to mind for you?
- 2. Have there been seasons when you felt distant from God or unsure of His presence? What helped or what could help you reconnect?
- 3. Everlasting God: The God who never gives up. Can you think of a time when you experienced God's persistence in your life, even when you weren't pursuing Him?



LIVE IT

- 1. If you truly believed you were God's child, how might that change:
 - The way you pray?
 - The way you handle failure or sin?
 - The way you view yourself and others?
- 2. Who in your life might need to experience the love of the Everlasting Father through YOU this Christmas season?
- 3. What is one practical step you can take this week to live more fully as a son or daughter of God?