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!

MFSSAGF NOTFS

Christmas @ Westbridge // Week 2

"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

Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5

"How will I respond in my season of <u>DARKNESS</u>?"

True hope is never found in ____TEMPORARY__ things.

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**

Wonderful Counselor: The God who GUIDES .

Mighty God: The God who <u>OVERCOMES</u>.

Who is the King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; the Lord, invincible in battle. **Psalm 24:8**

How great is our Lord! His power is absolute! His understanding is beyond comprehension! **Psalm 147:5**

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. **Philippians 2:6-8**

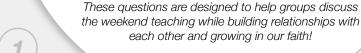
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come..." "The Scripture you just heard has been fulfilled this very day!" **Luke 4:18-21**

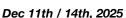
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LACK OF POWER .

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE





WARM UP

1. Are you a "real tree" or "fake tree" person - and why is your answer the *correct* one?



KNOW IT

- 1. Read **Isaiah 9:6.** What does "Mighty God" communicate about Jesus' nature and His mission?
- 2. Read **Psalm 24:8** and **Psalm 147:5.** What do these verses reveal about God's strength, power, and capability?
- 2. Christmas tends to **magnify** whatever we're going through good or bad. In this season of your life, what is Christmas magnifying for you?
- 3. Read *Luke 4:18-21*. Jesus claims that Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled in *Him*. What does this reveal about the kind of people Jesus came for? How does this challenge our assumptions about who "needs God"?
- 4. Read *Ephesians 3:20-21*. What stands out to you about God's ability to do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine?" How does this shape your understanding of Jesus as *Mighty God*?



SHARE IT

- 1. What temporary "one thing" do you tend to believe will fix your life ("If I just had ____, things would be better")?
- 2. We often trust God easily when someone *else* is going through something difficult -but not when we are. When are *you* most tempted to rely on your own strength or strategies instead of trusting God?
- 3. Jesus said he came for the **poor, captive, blind, and oppressed** a description of *all humanity*. Which of these four words best describes where you feel weakest right now? Why?



LIVE IT

- 1. "God's power tends to be experienced most by those who acknowledge their own lack of power." What is one area where you need to stop pretending you can fix it on your own and ask God for help?
- 2. Where is God inviting you to trust His **Might**? What is one practical way you can fix your eyes on what is **eternal**, rather than on what is **temporary**?
- 3. Who in your world needs a reminder of the Mighty God this Christmas? What is one specific way you could encourage or support them?