

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the character qualities you would desire in someone who would give you counsel?
2. Read Matthew 4:12-17. Who is the “great light?”
3. In verse 17, what does repentance have to do with the darkness and the great light of Jesus? How does Jesus bring light into the darkness of your world?
4. Read Isaiah 9:1. Given the historical climate here in the 8th century BC, what would the sense of “gloom” and “distress” have been for the people of God? How hard do you think it would have been for them to believe God’s promised hope?
5. When have you experienced a sense of “gloom” and “distress” in your life? How hard was it for you to believe that God would come through for you?
6. Read Isaiah 9:2-5. God shows us that he conquers our enemies for us. What are some of the battles you are facing now? How do these promises bring you JOY this Christmas season?
7. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. The world communicates to us about a cute little sentimental baby Jesus at Christmas. Contrast the world’s view of baby Jesus versus the Son spoken of in these verses.
8. What does it mean for this son to have the government “on his shoulders?” How does that bring you peace?
9. What is the significance of the name “Wonderful Counselor?”
10. Read John 14:15-18. How does the term “advocate” parallel the term “counselor” in Isaiah 9:6? Who is the advocate?
11. What is the significance of the Holy Spirit living in you? How does that help you in your daily walk with the Lord?
12. Read Romans 8:26-27. How do these verses encourage you?
13. What specifically do you need to pray for when it comes to the Holy Spirit filling you and leading you?



Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6

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