

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Christmas Isn't Cancelled

Week 1 Study

Icebreaker

With 2020, Christmas might look a little differently this year for all of us. What has your "normal Christmas" looked like in the past? What will Christmas look like in your home this year?

Passage 1 **JESUS IS THE WONDERFUL COUNSELOR - Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Reflection How has Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor spoken to you in the past? What did He show you?

Passage 2 **JESUS IS THE MIGHTY GOD - Luke 5:27-32 (NIV)**

"After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. 'Follow me,' Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?' Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'"

Reflection Who did Jesus come for? We can only receive God's counseling when we choose to get honest with him. In what area of your life are you "sick?" What is your deepest struggle, fear, hurt, or addiction?

So many people don't do what the doctors or counselors suggest. What is Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor, leading you to do? Be specific. Ask your group to pray for you and hold you accountable to follow through on His direction.

Stop and Reflect

JESUS IS THE EVERLASTING FATHER

How is your Everlasting Father similar than your earthly father?

How is your Everlasting Father different than your earthly father?

In what ways have you projected the image of your earthly father onto your Everlasting Father?

If so, has that hindered your relationship with Jesus in any way?

How does seeing God more clearly affect your relationship with Him?

Passage 3 JESUS IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE - Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Reflection On a scale from 1-10 how would you describe your normal state? Very peaceful? Mostly peaceful? Occasionally stressed? Off-the-charts high strung and anxious? Explain why?

Describe a time when God gave you an unexplainable peace.

He gives his peace and he can take it away for his purposes. Can you describe a time when Jesus used the "absence of peace" to get your attention?

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