

Week 1 - Digging Deeper - Social Media/MW Study

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The prophet Isaiah writes one of the most classic of all Old Testament prophecies about the coming birth of Christ. The passage he writes is born of gloom and darkness. The world had felt the full weight of sin, and it had wreaked havoc on all of creation. What Isaiah offered in chapter nine was something the Jewish people needed more than anything—hope. Hope that one day someone would come to make all things right and restore what had been broken. The birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of that hope and this fact offers us hope in our lives today.

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7 // Matthew 1:22-23 // Romans 15:4

Here are some questions to consider throughout this week as we dig deeper into the Hope that the birth of Christ brings us. Go ahead and answer them here in the space provided and then share them with your church family during the mid-week study.

1. How would you define hope in your own words?
2. How is Jesus' birth the fulfillment of long-awaited hope?
3. Why is it so hard to wait on God to move in our lives?
4. How has God been faithful in your life?
5. How does that strengthen your trust in Him?

Prayer: *“Father God, we come to you today in need of hope—hope that you are faithful and have provided all we need by sending your Son to us. We ask that the light of His life would shine into our lives and lift our heads. We offer to you the*

areas of our lives where we need your presence.

(Open your heart and search out those areas you try to keep private from others and mostly from God, those areas, those things that could be hindering your relationship with Him. Spend some time here, do not rush the work the Holy Spirit wants to do in you.)

We trust you today with our very lives, and we look forward to seeing how you will come through. Thank you for the hope that can only come from you. Thank you for showing us the heart of Christmas.”