



Hope has a Name

Hope Has a Name – Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:26-33) Preached 12/19/21

Opening Question:

How did you come up with a name for someone/something you have had to name (kid, pet, business, etc.)?

Discussion:

If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week's sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. In Isaiah 9:6, why is the name "Father" a little bit weird when we think of Jesus? Why is the name "Father" fitting when we think of Isaiah's naming of the promised child? Read Psalm 103:13.

For further discussion, read Matthew 3:16-17. Name the three persons/roles of God present in this passage.

2. Read the birth announcement to Mary in Luke 1:26-33. What is the connection to Gabriel's announcement and Isaiah's naming of Jesus as Everlasting Father? What is the significance of this fulfilled prophecy?

For further discussion, read the Covenant to King David in 2 Samuel 7:1-16. What does this promise teach us about God?

3. When we reflect on our circumstances, how do the terms everlasting, never-ending, and forever, give us hope? Do you ever find it difficult to be reminded of these promises?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. What is the message of these verses? Why is our perspective so important? What is everlasting in these verses?
5. Why is engaging with the Bible such an important way to be reminded of our everlasting hope? What are some practical ways you engage with the Bible that you can share with others in your groups?

If you need help reading the Bible, consider following a plan from the Bible Project or the Bible App. Engaging in the Bible is a big way to be reminded of our eternal hope.

Next Steps:

Find a way to engage with the Bible this week. Consider reading the birth account of Jesus in Matthew 1:18-2:12 or in Luke 2:1-21 before celebrating Christmas.