

# Discussion Questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

What if Isaiah's prophecy of the coming Messiah could lead us to hope for today and for what is to come?

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. Thinking back to childhood, was there a gift you hoped to receive at Christmas? Did you get it or not? Share about that experience.
2. Share about a time when a situation seemed hopeless. How did you feel? When the answer/solution became apparent, how did your attitude and outlook change?

## **BIBLE IDEA**

3. Read Isaiah 9:1-7. Discuss and describe the circumstances the Israelites found themselves (vs. 1-5). What in Isaiah's prophecy gave the Israelites hope for deliverance (vs. 6-7)? Can you apply this same hope for deliverance today? Why or why not?
4. Read John 16:12-14. List and discuss how the Holy Spirit delivers counsel to us. Share a time when the Holy Spirit helped you escape a bad situation.
5. Read Colossians 1:16-17. When have you experienced God's power in your life? Where do you need to see His power in your life now?
6. Read Isaiah 40:28-31 and Colossians 1:15. As we put our trust in the everlasting rule of Jesus, what are some of the promises we might discover as He delivers us?
7. Read Philippians 4:7, Ephesians 2:17-18, Romans 5:1-2 and John 14:27. Using all four passages, list the ways the Lord is our peace. Which one do you most identify with and why?

## **NEXT STEPS**

8. Read the first chapter of Colossians each day this week. Write down a key phrase that stands out and what it means to you. Share your finding with a friend.