

# STUDY GUIDE

## SURPRISE ME!

### Introduction:

Christmas! For so many, it is a time of unwrapping the gifts from the people we love. But what was God thinking two thousand years ago when he showed up, wrapped in ordinary flesh? He knew exactly what his children needed then and now. He saw a "pandemic weary," world. He saw hopelessness. He saw broken people. He saw you. He saw us. This Christmas is our opportunity to unwrap the one gift that changed everything. For unto us. . .!

### Scriptures:

ISAIAH 9:6, NKJV

JOHN 1:1-5 & 14, NKJV

JOHN 3:16-17, NKJV

LUKE 19:10, NLT

LUKE 1:26-37, NKJV

### Discussion Questions:

1. Christmas was about surprises. Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, the wise men, the shepherds. They were all surprised. What has God done in your life that has surprised you?
2. What do you say to people who think Christians should not celebrate Christmas?
3. Read ISAIAH 9:6. What speaks to you from the words that the prophet wrote?
4. Jesus Christ came into a world that was different but, in many ways, similar to the world we live in. What are some of things that have not changed from then to now?
5. Which of the three things listed below have been the most challenging for you?

### Moving Forward:

- TRUST GOD'S TIMING!
- WALK IN FAVOR AND NOT FEAR!
- INVITE THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO YOUR IMPOSSIBILITIES!

### Changing Your Mind:

"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him (JOHN 3:16-17-NLT).