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## WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

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ISAIAH 9:6

### **GETTING STARTED**

It seems almost unbelievable that we are coming to the Advent season in the midst of a pandemic. It almost feels unnatural to be celebrating right now, especially without being able to participate in many of our usual activities. Yet, in spite of the seeming darkness of the days, we celebrate that God brought light into a dark world! Our celebration was never ultimately about time together or gingerbread houses or anything else, it is a celebration of Jesus! This year we are being reminded of our foundation! And so for these next few weeks we are going to spend our time looking at this promised child, who would brought the light of God to our world. The prophet Isaiah speaking hundreds of years before his birth, pronounced titles upon Him and we are starting by looking at his first title, Wonderful Counselor.

### **READ THE TEXT: ISAIAH 9:6**

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



## **UNDERSTAND THE TEXT**

1. Take some time to understand the full context of this passage.
  - a. Start in Is 7:1-2, what is happening at this time? What do you know about King Ahaz? (2 Chr 28:1-3, 22-23)
  - b. Is 7:5-8, how does God respond?
  - c. Is 7:10-17, what does God promise them?
  - d. Is 8:5-8, how did the people of Judah respond to God's promise?
  - e. Is 8:11-15, how should we respond to God's promises?
  - f. Is 9:1-7, what is full promise of God to his people?
2. Where else do we find the term "wonderful" in our Bibles? (ie. Judges 13:18-19, Exodus 15:11) What about "counselor"? (ie. Psalm 119:24, Romans 11:34, John 16:13)

*[Extra verses for studying this passage: Hebrews 4:14-16, John 4:1-45, Luke 18:18-30]*

## **APPLY THE TEXT**

3. How does God lead and counsel us today? How do you know whether not an idea or thought is from God?
4. How does the good news of Jesus change how we see problems in our life? How do we show the gospel to others in the midst of their challenges?

## **SHARE & PRAY**

1. As we walk through the Advent season, take time to work through our Advent guide and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.
2. This has been a different year than what we expected, so let's take some time to pray and share the light of the gospel in a dark season. Pray that God would give us his wonderful wisdom and counsel to give him all the glory!

