

Sermon: Light For Our Darkness.
Series: *The Weary World Rejoices.*

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7.
Date: December 4, 2022

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) Read Isaiah 8:16-22. How is the darkness described in Isaiah's day? Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the darkness around you? Where do you tend to go for some "light"?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) God tends to send his hope in unexpected way (like a baby in a manger). Have you ever seen God work in your life through something very unexpected, or even "foolish"?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) How does this passage point to both the first coming of Christ and the second coming of Christ?

b) Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Which of these truths about Jesus stands out to you? Comforts you? Why?

APPLICATION

a) Read Isaiah 9:3. The coming of Christ is meant to increase our joy. Can you say that Jesus brings you ever increasing joy? What might help you to find more joy in the salvation of Jesus?

FIGHTER VERSES: LUKE 1:46-49.

PRAYER

- Thank God for his world changing salvation.
- Confess ways that you have let your own wisdom take the place of the light and wisdom of God in Christ.
- Thank Jesus for being your Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.
- Ask Jesus to be your ever increasing joy.