

“A Baby Changes Everything” | Isaiah 9

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. Pastor Jim stated that Jesus came as a baby to change everything. What exactly needs changing? What reminders did Pastor Jim highlight from Isaiah 8?
2. The world is full of darkness and gloom. But as we saw, into that darkness God promises blessing and hope. What kind of blessing did we see promised in Isaiah 9:2-5?
3. Darkness gives way to light, gloom turns to joy, oppression gives way to freedom, and war gives way to peace. How do these promises bring comfort to us in our daily lives? How do we experience light, joy, freedom and peace today?
4. God is the one that promises this and he is the one that makes it happen. But how? Read on in chapter 9 and discuss why the fact that he is sending a child to accomplish this matters.
5. The baby is given four titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. In reality, all of these titles and what they mean should be a source of great joy and hope for us. But at times, depending on our circumstances, one or two of these titles may mean more to us. Take a moment to reflect on what Pastor Jim said about each of these and as you feel comfortable share which one resonated with your journey right now. Why did it resonate? What does it mean for you and your circumstances?
6. A baby changes everything, especially when we are talking about the promised Messiah, Jesus the Lord and Savior. It is he who breaks into the darkness of the world and brings light and hope. As you close today, take sometime to thank God for his promised blessing, for sending Jesus. Take time to lift up those in your life who have not accepted him as Savior or recognized the blessing. Pray that they will see how this baby has changed everything and can change everything. Encourage and lift each other up.