

# Today's Message

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## II. A Child with a Surprising Name :: Wonderful Counselor

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Counselor → \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

of Jesus

1. He \_\_\_\_\_  
unfathomable, inexhaustible wisdom.
2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of unfathomable,  
inexhaustible wisdom.
3. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all true wisdom.

**He has been “given to us”,  
so how we do give ourselves back to Him?**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## I. A Prophet with a Strange Name :: Isaiah

A. Isaiah = \_\_\_\_\_

B. Isaiah's \_\_\_\_\_ was his  
\_\_\_\_\_.

C. What is the message of Isaiah's name?

1. Humanity \_\_\_\_\_ saving, because. . .
  - a. We walk in darkness (9:2)
  - b. We're burdened & oppressed (9:4)
  - c. We live in conflict (9:5)
2. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ save.
3. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ save.

# Growth Group Stuff

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## **CONNECTING with One Another (15 -20 min)**

Share with one another the value and benefits of meeting together weekly throughout the fall.

## **EXPLORING God's Word with One Another (20 – 30 min)**

1. Read Isaiah 9:1-7 together again. What does Isaiah's name mean and how does his name relate with his prophetic message in these verses?
2. Why is "salvation" by itself a confrontative and offensive word to contemporary ears? What does the word imply?
3. In verses 2-5, how does Isaiah describe the condition of the people of his day (and our day) and how does the Lord's salvation address each condition?
4. The end of verse 4 mentions "the battle of Midian." Read the account in Judges 7. What is the point of this reference in Isaiah 9:6? What is Isaiah saying?

5. The coming of the Lord's salvation is counter-intuitive and surprising in more ways than one. Why?
6. The first name the Savior will be called is Wonderful Counselor. To what does this title point us? In what ways, does Jesus fulfill and embody this title?
7. What is the personal significance of the truth that Jesus is our Wonderful Counselor? Knowing what it means, what does it mean for you?
8. Which of the 3 is most applicable for you today?
  - Seeing your need for wisdom.
  - Seeking Him and finding wisdom (think of a specific issue in your life for which you need wisdom)
  - Submitting to the wisdom of His Word

## **PRAYING for One Another (15-20 min)**

Pray for one another in light of this text/message, as well as for any other requests/needs the group has.