



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"A Child Is Born"

Isaiah 9:1-7

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Isaiah 8:19-9:2; 2 Kings 15:29*. How were the people from Naphtali and Zebulun walking in darkness? What was going on with these people during Isaiah's time?
- 2) Read *Isaiah 9:1; Matthew 12:12-25*. The fact that Jesus first started His ministry in Galilee in the Gentile region, showed that He came to establish His kingdom not only to Jews but also to Gentiles. What were some of the things Jesus did in the region of Galilee?
- 3) Read *Isaiah 9:2-3; John 1:4-5, 8-9; 8:12; 12:35*. A light has dawned on those living in darkness and in the land of the shadow of death. How have you seen the light of Jesus throughout your life?
- 4) Read *Isaiah 9:4-5; Judges 6-7*. How do these passages describe how God breaks all human oppression as in the days of Midian?
- 5) *Isaiah 9:6* begins by saying, "*For to us a child is born.*" God has given us His divine gift of grace through His Son, a child. How does this profound statement encourage you?
- 6) Throughout history, humanity has sought a righteous form of government, but because of sin, there is no perfect government. How does *Isaiah 9:6-7* describe the government of Jesus?
- 7) Jesus is building His kingdom, and it will continue to increase until He returns. Who in your life does not know Jesus? Spend some time praying for them and ask the Lord to give you a Divine appointment with them soon.

FOR YOUR FAMILY - We are on Week #47 of Children's Catechism.

Please teach your children questions 66 & 67.

- 1) Memorize *Isaiah 9:6* – "*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*"
- 2) Read *Isaiah 9:1-5*. Discuss with your family how Jesus came and brought light into this world of darkness. Talk about how He has brought you out of darkness.
- 3) Read *Isaiah 9:6-7*. Talk with each other about who this child is and why we celebrate Christmas every year.