

Questions for further study

The Character of the Saviour

'Wonderful Counsellor' (Isaiah 9:6)

1. The Saviour is described as the Wonderful Counsellor, which means excellent guide or helper. Has there been a time when you have really felt God guiding you? Talk about how this happened and share your experiences.

Is there anyone that needs strong guidance right now? Pray for them and ask the Lord for His help.

'Mighty God' (Isaiah 9:6)

2. The Saviour is given the name 'Mighty God' which can be translated 'God-Hero'. Our saviour is all powerful (Colossians 2:15) and is mighty to save (Zephaniah 3:17).

Spend some time talking about 1 or 2 people close to you who do not yet know Jesus. In a time of prayer together offer their names to God and commit them to Him knowing our saviour is mighty to save.

Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6)

3. The Saviour is our 'Father-forever', which means that we are his children (John 14:8). Read Galatians 3:26-4:7. 'Abba Father' was a word of family intimacy and literally means 'Daddy' (also used by Jesus in Mark 14:35-36). What makes this inheritance possible (3:26) and what is the sign of this intimate relationship (4:7)?

Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

4. The Saviour is the 'Prince of Peace'. Read these verses about peace:
- Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (John 14:27).
 - God's thoughts toward you are thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope (Jeremiah 29:11-13).
 - God's purpose is for peace on earth and goodwill toward men (Luke 2:13, 14).
 - Let your requests be made known to God, and His peace, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6, 7).
 - Our peace with God is through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).
 - Jesus is our peace. Apart from Him, we do not have His peace (Ephesians 2:14, 17).

Thank God that we can know peace. Pray for those who need peace right now.