

To Us A Child is Born

Isaiah 8:19-9:7

Key Verse: 9:6

1. In a dark time, what hope did Isaiah see for his suffering people? (8:19-1a) How had God disciplined Israel in the past? (1b; 2Ki15:29b) How would he honor them in the future? (1c) Read verse 2. How did Jesus fulfill this? (Mt4:15--16)
2. What good news for the nation was the prophet Isaiah bringing his people? (3--5) What lesson was learned from Midian's defeat?(Jdg7:19-21;)(6) How is the sign of Immanuel fulfilled? (7:14; 9:6) How does the birth of the child reveal God's humility? (Php2:5)
3. Read verse 6. Think about the meaning of each title here and how Jesus fulfills each one. ("Wonderful Counselor": Jn:15:26; Jn4:1--26; "Mighty God": Mk4:41; Heb 1:3; Col 1:15;"Everlasting Father":Mt 28:20;Jn 14:18) "Prince of Peace": Jn14:27; Lk 2:14)
4. Read verse 7. How did Jesus' coming fulfill God's promises to David? (2Sa7:13) Think about the characteristics of his reign: increasing, peace, justice and righteousness. How is all this accomplished? (Ro 5:1;8:1; 2Cor 5:18; Mt 5:44; [2Sa 5:2; Jn 10:10; Mt 2:6] Mt 11:28-30)
5. Which of the titles of Jesus in verse 6 are especially meaningful to you at this Christmas season?