

ADVENT

The Miracle that Changed Everything

Advent Builds Hope

Isaiah 8:19 – 9:7

1. “Hope,” apart from God, leads to despair.
2. Hope in God leads to joy and peace.
3. Hope is a person, not a circumstance.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Read Isaiah 8:19-22. The Jews had resorted to consulting mediums to try and find hope. What are the ways people in our culture look for hope today apart from God? Are there any things you look toward to find hope?
2. Read Isaiah 9:1-5. These verses are a beautiful picture of how God brings joy and peace. In what ways has God brought joy and peace to your life this year?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. Which description of God in verse 6 is the most comforting to you and why?
4. Write down the name of one person you could have a conversation with about hope and pray for them as a group. Then, think of a way you could initiate that conversation this week.

MEMORY VERSE

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.

Isaiah 9:6