A Year in the Word: Christmas at Seacoast

Small Group Questions: God's Christmas Wish List

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Read

1 John 4:9, Isaiah 9:6 and 40:27–31; James 1:5; and Philippians 4:6–7

Reflect

Isaiah 9:6 lists several names that refer to Jesus: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Each of these names reveals aspects of Jesus…of God, and the gifts that he makes available to help us. Which of his names speaks to you the most right now, and why? Which one do you need to lean into and accept as a promise?

Pastor Greg describes the Jesus gift-benefit package:

1. For the decisions in life I have a Wonderful Counselor.
   a. In what areas do you need wisdom for upcoming choices?
   b. Have you brought these decisions to Jesus?
   c. What promises and verses in the Bible help remind you to bring your decisions to Jesus first?
2. For the demands of life I have a Mighty God.
   a. Could you use some extra energy and patience for the demands of life? What is weighing on you?
   b. Read Isaiah 40:29-31. How is God offering to strengthen you right now through this promise?
3. For my destiny in life I have an Everlasting Father.
   a. What is the role of a father?
   b. How has your earthly experience of a father affected your view of God as father?
   c. How are earthly fathers and your Everlasting Father the same, and different?
4. For the disturbances in life I have the Prince of Peace.
   a. In what areas of your life could you use some peace?
   b. Have you given God the one thing that is on his wish list this Christmas? You.
      i. What would it look like if you did?
   c. How willing are you to accept his gifts?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?