

Series: Light of the World
Passage: Isaiah 9:2-7
Sunday: December 17, 2023

Isaiah 9:2-7 (ESV)

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.
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1. Go through this passage and circle all the words that speak of darkness or pain. When have you gone through a dark time in your life? How did you feel during and afterwards?

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2. Go through the passage and underline all of the words which speak of light or life. What are things that bring light into your world?

3. Verses 4-5 speak about the promise of freedom and independence. Why are these promises so important?

4. What does it mean for the government to rest on his shoulders (verse 6)?

5. What comes to mind for each of these names?
 - a. Wonderful Counselor

 - b. Mighty God

 - c. Eternal Father

 - d. Prince of Peace

6. In verse 7, what do we find it will be like when Jesus is King?

7. How has this passage "enlightened" you to Jesus' light?