

And HIS NAME
Shall be called...

*Wonderful
Counselor*



WEEK 1: NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 2

WELCOME

- Spend the first few minutes visiting and catching up.
- Take attendance. Who's missing?

PRAY

Lord, we can lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas during the business of the season. Help me during this Advent Season to be more aware of God's wonder. Amen

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a recent time you have experienced wonder. What was going on? What did it feel like?
- What keeps us from experiencing wonder in our everyday lives? Isaiah wrote the words in this week's Scripture (Isaiah 9:2-7) while in a time of great anxiety and turmoil. It's interesting that as he describes what the Messiah will be like, he begins with the name "Wonderful Counselor". Why would this idea of wonder have been important even in difficult circumstance? What does that teach us about the role that wonder can play in our world today?
- We have the opportunity to both observe and be part of the wonder that God is creating--in fact, we are invited to create wonder that goes beyond our own experiences and impacts others. What might it look like for you to help create wonder for someone else?
- Consider how you can be more aware of God's wonder this Advent Season. Share with your group how you will intentionally be on the lookout for moments of wonder over the next several weeks.

Isaiah 9:2-7(NRSV)

2 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness—

on them light has shined.

3 You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

4 For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of
Midian.

5 For all the boots of the tramping
warriors

and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

6 For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.