

Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:1-7

- He is Wonder-FULL! Stay amazed as you worship Him!

- He is a Wonderful Counselor! Stay responsive as you follow Him!

Our "Unto Us" Christmas devotional book is a great resource to help you encounter the Wonderful Counselor this Christmas!

www.forcey.org/media/blog/unto-us-advent-devotional/

The Biblical Counseling Training Conference is an excellent way to grow in following our Wonderful Counselor and in helping to guide others. This year's conference, offered by Faith Church in Lafayette, Indiana, is entirely virtual – meaning it is more accessible than ever. You can get more information and register for the conference here: www.faithlafayette.org/biblical-counseling-training-conference. Please contact the church office with any questions.

For Further Reflection

- Meditate on Isaiah 9:1-7, Psalm 19, Matthew 2:1-12
- Watch the movie *The Nativity Story*.
- Watch the short film *The Shepherd* by the makers of *The Chosen* - www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfmkpZVZJQQ
- Read the short book "A Walk One Winter Night" – makes a great gift!
- Read this article on our Wonderful Counselor – www.logos.edu/wonderful-counselor/
- Read *Seeing with New Eyes* by David Powlinson
- Reflect on the song "As with Gladness Men of Old" – www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UzYlhF4ffw
- Listen to "His Name is Wonderful" - www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUhJNA0XGgc
- Register for the Biblical Counseling Training Conference: www.faithlafayette.org/biblical-counseling-training-conference

Questions for Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What name of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6 means the most to you this year, and why?
3. What is something about the Christmas season that fills your heart with warmth and wonder (other than Jesus directly)?
4. What about the birth of Jesus causes you to have the most wonder and worship? (You might spend some time reading Luke 2:1-21)
5. What are some ways you seek to keep the focus on Jesus during Christmas and nurture a wonder for Him in your heart?
6. What do you suppose were some of the challenges the magi faced on their journey to the manger? What obstacles might they have needed to overcome from others or from within their own hearts?
7. Read Psalm 19:7-11. What statement about the word of God stands out to you the most in this passage, and why? Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. How is the word "more sure" than the personal experiences Peter had with Jesus?
8. Share an example of when the Lord (perhaps through the help of someone else) has given you specific counsel from His word about something? How did you respond?
9. Who is someone that you can prayerfully share the message of Christmas with this season?
10. Spend some time praying for one another to grow in wonder and in witness to others this Christmas!