

21 December, 2014
Christmas Unwrapped: Through Your EYES!
Small Group Questions

INTRODUCTION

Ask someone to open in prayer asking God to speak in and through you during your time together as a small group.

Christmas Unwrapped: Through YOUR EYES!

Share some of your precious childhood Christmas memories with each other.

Throw around some of these questions...

- *Tell us what Christmas looks like through your eyes?*
- *What do you with sadness pain and hurt this time of the year?*
- *How does the Birth of Jesus impact you and your world?*
- *If you could leave us with a prayer or a dream for what you would like to see this Christmas what would that be?*

Please read together this famous passage of Scripture that is in Isaiah 9:6-7 (MSG).

For a child has been born—for us!

the gift of a son—for us!

He'll take over the running of the world.

His names will be:

Amazing Counselor,

Strong God,

Eternal Father,

Prince of Wholeness.

His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.

He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom.

He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going, With fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always.

The zeal of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this.

From Sunday morning's message can you remember roughly how many years this prophecy was told before its actual fulfilment when Christ was born? What does knowing that do in your SPIRIT?

What leaps off the page for you when you read these words?

What are the implications for you and for your world of those 2 very simple words "FOR US"?

Isaiah tells us that this "child", this "Son" was born and given for WHO? FOR US! What He is in this verse He is FOR US. He came FOR US, FOR OUR benefit. FOR ME!

- *He is not just an amazing counsellor—He is OUR AMAZING Counsellor.*
- *He is not some far removed deity—He is OUR STRONG & Mighty God.*
- *He is not just someone's father—He is OUR ETERNAL Everlasting Father.*
- *He is not peace in an abstract way—He is OUR PRINCE of Peace our Prince of WHOLENESS.*

PRAISE GOD for JESUS...

Finish by praying for each other and for anything the Spirit may lay on your heart.

Merry Christmas Church, we look forward to seeing you all at Carols on Christmas Eve.