

# *life* groups

Believe In The Promise Of Christmas

Isaiah 9:1-7

December 2, 2018

## Sermon Summary

Judah, in Isaiah's day, was a hot mess: sin abounded, destruction was on the horizon, and the nation faced a leadership vacuum. All seemed hopeless. But in the midst of the despair, God made some promises through His prophet Isaiah. Those promises were a ray of hope of far better days. Those promises were certainly applicable to 8<sup>th</sup>-century BC Judah, but they have been fulfilled and provide real hope for us today.

## Diving Into The Message

1. Sin always brings chaos. In what ways do we see the chaotic impact of sin socially and personally?
2. In Isaiah 9, the chaos is compared to people walking in darkness. God promised, however, that a Light would come to provide hope and direction. How does Jesus provide light in the dark chaos of our world? What are ways personally we can find hope in the darkness?
3. Sin is an enemy we cannot defeat on our own. According to Romans 6, how does sin conquer one who has never trusted Jesus? How can it conquer one who has trusted Jesus?
4. How does Jesus provide victory over sin for both the unbeliever and the believer? In your daily life, what are ways Jesus gives you victory over sin's power?
5. Our culture is corrupt and seemingly getting worse each day. What are some ways that our culture tries to right what is wrong? How is that different from God's plan to redeem a corrupt culture?
6. According to Galatians 5:22 and 23, how do we develop the character of Jesus?
7. What is one take-away from today's message and how will you apply it to your life?

## Prayer Action

1. We all know people who are struggling with hopelessness. There are many reasons they may feel hopeless, but all hopeless is born out of a lack of faith in God. Take a few moments to pray they would find hope in the Lord.
2. As we begin preparations for a spring trip to South Asia, pray the Lord would put together the team He wants and provides all the necessary resources.