

# CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

Christmas is for your HOME Isaiah 9:6

In Jesus' HOME He dealt with...

1. As the CHILD born to us ... His HUMANITY
  - Weight of the THREAT OF DEATH from a terrorist king  
Matthew 2
  - Parents who didn't understand their child's CALLING  
Luke 2: 19, 33, 49-50
  - Loss of His FATHER during his teenage years  
Luke 2
  - SINGLE parent family – mom was a grieving WIDOW  
Matthew 19:25-27
  - Rejection from His BROTHERS as to His true identity  
Jewish tradition
  - FAMILY doubts regarding His course of ministry  
Mark 3:20-21, 31
2. As the SON given to us... His DIVINITY
  - He knows how home life was CREATED to function
  - He knows how to restore, repair, and REBUILD a home

Jesus understands what your home needs...

- It needs a WONDERFUL COUNSELOR
- It needs a MIGHTY GOD
- It needs an ETERNAL FATHER
- It needs a PRINCE OF PEACE

How do we do a 'RESET' in our homes?

Choice: Find all the answers WITHIN US or we can look to the One given TO US

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## Life Group Questions for December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Isaiah 9:6, "For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us..."

### DISCOVER

1. In the above scripture, why was Jesus **born** for your family? Why must He be **given** to you?

### EXPLORE

1. With reference to Isaiah 9:6, how might the Biblical text in this verse have read if Jesus was an ordinary baby? (see Genesis 17:17, 2 Samuel 5:14 and Job 1:2)
2. Theoretically, Messiah could have come as a fully-grown man, created as an adult even as Adam was created. Why did God deem it so important for Messiah to grow-up in a Jewish household? (see Philippians 2:7)
3. How did Jesus' humanity make Him ultimately qualified to be mankind's Savior?
4. Jesus' birth was a family scandal. What scriptures in the Gospels can you find to substantiate this idea?

### EXPERIENCE

1. How does the birth of Christ as a human being impact you as a family? How does His being gifted to your household work to complete the family experience by God's design?
2. Jesus came from a real family with real problems...in other words, a "normal" family. Discuss how His family life can work its way into your conversations, creating unique opportunities to share the gospel.
3. Re-read Isaiah 9:6. Of the four titles ascribed to Him, what role of Jesus does your family need the most right now? Where do you need Jesus to bring peace into your life this Christmas season?
4. Discuss how to do a "reset" in your home. What benchmarks might you set to see that you are on the right path?

### PRAY

Thank God for His unconditional love by sending His Son into the world; that His salvation is available to all members of our families and that we have specific roles and responsibilities to that end. Pray that God's purposes would be fulfilled through our families; that we would be bright, shining lights in the darkness of our spheres of influence. Pray protection over our families against sickness and difficult circumstances; that we would be focused and in awe of the Gift of God this Christmas. Pray that each day would be a celebration of Who He is in our lives.