

LIFE GROUP PLANNING



Aim of session:

In what way is Jesus a Wonderful Counsellor?



Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

Isaiah 9:1-7

Warm Up

Who was your favourite teacher at school?
Why? What makes a good teacher?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

1. V2: In physical terms, why do we need a light in the darkness? In spiritual terms, what causes people to walk in darkness?
2. "Counsellor" means teacher. What word in Hebrew did Chris use to explain "wonderful"?
3. How does this help us understand the difference between Jesus' teaching and any other spiritual teacher?
4. Jesus teaching brings light to our lives. Can you think of examples of His teachings that reveal to us how to live as God intends?
5. Jesus' teachings bring joy to our lives. Read John 15:9-11. How do we get joy through Jesus' teachings?
6. Jesus' teachings bring peace to our lives. Which of Jesus' teachings that you know of would bring peace? How would they bring peace?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

7. Which of Jesus' teachings has had a particular impact on your life and your development as a disciple of Jesus?
8. In a world that generally lives in spiritual darkness, how can the light of Jesus and His teaching be revealed?
- 9.. Obedience is not popular in western culture, how can we show that following Jesus brings joy?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.