



Life Group Questions

Hats

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Key Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:1-7

Main Idea: Hang your hat on **HOPE not DESPAIR.**

1) Hang your hat on HOPE not DESPAIR; because the **BATTLE IS OVER...**

“We needed a perfect, infinite Being to offer a perfect, infinite atonement for our sins. We needed Immanuel, God is with us “ Pastor David Guzik

2) Hang your hat on HOPE not DESPAIR; because you’re **governed by heavenly realms.**

3) Hang your hat on HOPE not DESPAIR; because your **JESUS IS....**

- A) WONDERFUL
- B) COUNSELOR
- C) MIGHTY GOD
- D) EVERLASTING FATHER
- E) PRINCE OF PEACE

4) Hang your hat on HOPE not DESPAIR; because **THIS IS NOW and NOT YET...**

Talk About it:

Ice Breaker: What’s your favorite Christmas movie and why?

Read Isaiah 9:1-2 and Matthew 5:14-16 and discuss

The gloom that Isaiah is describing in 9:1 is the gloom of exile, what are some things that bring gloom to your life today? How have you experienced Jesus lifting your gloom? How do people “walking in darkness” see the “great light”? What are some ways you display the “great light”?

Where do you see the need for the “great light” to shine in your life?

Read Isaiah 9:3-5 and discuss

Are you experiencing an increasing measure of JOY in your life? In v.4 it talks about “Midian’s defeat” and a “shattered yoke of oppression.” This refers to Judges 7 and Gideon’s defeat of their mighty army. What are the yokes of oppression of today? How can we allow Jesus to shatter those? V.5 says the soldiers of Israel will be able to burn their battle uniforms, when the Messiah comes. Why? How have you experienced victory in Jesus?

Read Isaiah 9:6 and Philippians 2:5-11 discuss

On the heels of a promised victory over our enemies, we learn that our promised champion is coming as a “born son.” What’s surprising about that to you? What does having the mind of Christ look like to you? What do you learn about the mind of Christ in the Philippians passage?