

RADIANT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

DISCUSSION GOAL



Discuss what a world without war would look like and what it means that Jesus will bring the ultimate end of war.

ICE BREAKER



Share your most memorable Christmas. What makes it stand out to you?

TEXT



Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.

Isaiah 9:5

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

MESSAGE OUTLINE



This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.

Big Idea: The coming of Christ ultimately brings the death of war.

Key Question: How does the coming of Christ bring peace?

1. Through the ultimate end of wartime.
2. Through the promise of peacetime.
3. Through the vision of how to live in the meantime.

DISCUSSION



- For the last couple of weeks, we've been looking at Isaiah's prophecy about the coming Messiah, Jesus. **Read Isaiah 9:1-7** and review some of the reasons Jesus came. Which one stands out to you? Why?

- Reread Isaiah 9:5. In this verse, the prophet Isaiah talks about Jesus bringing the ultimate end of war. Share the impact that war has had on your family's history. Discuss what impact it has on the world today. Try to describe a world without war. What would it be like? What would humanity be like?
- Turn back to Isaiah 9:3 and then Philippians 4:4-7. What similarities do you see? Even though we are still living in the reality of war, how can we apply these verses to our lives? What does living with the hope of a promised peacetime look like?
- As we wait for Jesus' second return, we're called to rejoice, pray, give thanks, make disciples, imitate Christ, and be peacemakers. Focus on one or two of these... or add another. What is your next step in following through with what God has placed on your heart?
- Identify a person you can invest in relationally this season and take the step to invite them to Christmas Eve. Pray for them in your community and trust that God is already working. What else is God saying to you from this passage?

LIFE APPLICATION



This week's passage is hard to fathom, as it talks about the final end to war and the coming time of peace under the ultimate reign of Christ. While we may still live with the reality of war, as a group, discuss ways you can share the peace of Jesus to the world around you this week.

Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS


