

# ADVENT : HOPE

*Isaiah 9:6*

December 3, 2023

## WHAT WE LEARNED

Advent means “arrival.” God’s people had to wait a long time for the arrival of our Savior, Jesus. To have hope is to have a confident expectation that God will do what He promised. God calls us to stay hopeful for His arrival even when waiting is hard.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. In chapters 8 and 9 of Isaiah, God’s people are going through a scary time of war and not knowing what will happen. God called on them to have hope and trust in Him.**
  - Since God followed through on His promise to send a Savior, can we have hope and trust that God will save and protect us?
  - Isaiah 9:6 says that Jesus is our Prince of Peace. When things are scary, what brings you peace?
  - How has God fulfilled His ultimate promise through Jesus? What does that tell us about who God is/His character?
- 2. “In the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned.”**
  - Dawn is the time when the sun rises after many hours of being dark. How does the birth of Jesus remind us of a light dawning?
  - “They rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.” As people hope for light and food to come, how does Jesus respond to our hopes? How can we have confidence in God’s promises today?

## MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners— of whom I am chief.”

- 1 Timothy 1:15

## **PRAY TOGETHER**

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray together that God would bring new life and new hope to members of your family, your neighbors, and our city through the Gospel.

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person’s request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

Luke 2:52 says “Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” We can thank God for this reminder that even though Jesus was fully God, Jesus chose to become like us. It also reminds us that because Jesus grew in wisdom and height and favor with God and man, that He invites children to do the same. James 1:5 says that if we lack wisdom, God gives it abundantly to those who ask. We can all be in prayer throughout this week for God’s wisdom and strength and favor, trusting that God answers because His Word says He will.

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