

Series: Jesus is...

Date: December 16, 2018

Passage: Isaiah 9:1-7

Jesus has many different names, but what do they really mean? Join as in our series, "Jesus is..." as we explore why he is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. We'll gain a new perspective on Jesus and his amazing place in our lives.

Isaiah Overview:

**Author and Date:** Isaiah around 680 B.C.

**First readers and their location:** Isaiah was written to people living in Judah near the end of 700 B.C.

**Why was it written?:**

Isaiah the prophet was sent to the people of Judah because they continued in their idolatry. Because of this God would send them into captivity in Babylon. After a time they would be brought back from their captivity. Isaiah also pointed God's people to the future when God's servant (Jesus) would rescue people from their sins and establish an eternal kingdom.

**Open-up**

As you think back over the past week with a focus on Jesus as Mighty God, did you personally experience His power or might at work in your life, your family's, in Prince George, or in the world? What did you witness? How has it impacted you?

Isaiah also prophesied that the coming Immanuel would be called “Everlasting Father.” The word “father” comes with varied feelings...for varied reasons...

Exercise: If possible, choose a word that describes your feelings for your father and share your word and your reasons for that word with your Life Group.

Appreciation / Bitterness/anger / Absent / Cheerleader / Death

Do you think you transfer your feelings or memories of your earthly dad upon God?



### **Into the Bible**

Read Ephesians 2:1-3: What does the apostle Paul write about humankind and their relationship with their Creator?

Read Ephesians 2:4-9: How does one's relationship change because of Jesus and what He has done?

Read Matthew 11:25-27: What does Jesus, Himself, say about this relationship?

Read Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:6, Revelation 1:5: What do you learn about Jesus as God's Son?



### **Into my life**

**Ask the question, "What does this look like in my life?"**

Does anything need to change how you think about your "everlasting Father?" If so, in what ways?

How will you celebrate Jesus as your "everlasting Father this Christmas?

(More application questions on the reverse)



### **Into the World**

**Ask, "what does this look like in my church or world?"**

How does your world (your sphere of influence) need and experience of Everlasting Father this Christmas? (Pray towards this)

**Prayer List:**

**My challenge for this week:**

**Other Application Questions:**

- Is there something to worship or thank God for?
- Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?
- Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?
- Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)
- Is there any relationship I need to work on

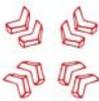
**More Resources for personal and group use:**

*A little about Westwood Church...*

We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...Bring Jesus into Life...By...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



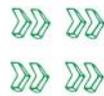
**GATHER**

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



**GROUPS**

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



**GO**

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world