



## **December 3rd Sermon Questions**

### **Wonderful Counselor**

Isaiah 9:1-7

Icebreaker: What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

Discussion Questions: Read the scripture verses above.

1. The first name given to Jesus in this passage is "Wonderful Counselor" (v.6). When you think of Jesus, do you tend to think of him as a great teacher and counselor? Why or why not?
2. What has been your experience with the teaching and words of Jesus, whether growing up as a child or more recently as an adult? How have they shaped you?
3. What lesser counselors and false teachers do you seek advice from and listen to instead of Jesus? Why do you think that is?
4. What teachings of Jesus do you love, resonate with, or find comfort in?
5. What counsel of Jesus do you struggle with, find difficult, or feel is confusing?
6. Have you ever marveled and wondered at the teachings of Jesus? How might you intentionally seek to grow in your awe of the Wonderful Counselor?

7. Our passage this morning was given to men, women, and children who were living in a time of deep darkness politically and spiritually (v.2). As we begin the season of Advent, darkness is our reality too. How are you experiencing darkness right now? How have you tried to navigate and/or cope with that?
8. Without a doubt, Jesus is one of the greatest teachers in history. But how is he different or greater than any other teacher who has ever lived?
9. How might the good news of Jesus--the Wonderful Counselor--help you in your darkness?
10. What practices and habits are you taking up or putting down this Advent to prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Jesus? How could this group help you to do that?