

HOPE IN AN AGE OF COMPROMISE

Isaiah 8:19 - 9:7

- The hope of the world is not found in worldly, human RESOURCES, but in God's WORD.
- The hope of the world comes from OUTSIDE of it.
- Our hope is that we enjoy the FRUIT of a victory we did not WIN.
- Our hope is centered on our KING.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. In this season of life, what is an area of your life where you need some hope?
2. Read Isaiah 8:19-20. What are the two sources of knowledge that are contrasted here? Have you ever been tempted to rely on worldly sources of advice when going through hard times?
3. Read Isaiah 9:2. Remembering that darkness symbolizes both evil and ignorance, where do you need Jesus' light in your life right now?
4. Read Romans 8:30-39. What does it mean that we are "more than conquerors" in this passage?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:57. How does Jesus' victory motivate you in life?
6. Read Isaiah 7:14-16, 8:3-4, and Matthew 1:22-23. How are we to understand the prophecy in these passages? What light does Isaiah 9:6-7 shed on this?
7. Read the description of Jesus in Isaiah 9:6-7. What stands out to you the most? Why?
8. How can you inject hope into someone else's life this week?
9. Who is someone you'd like to invite to church during this Christmas season?