

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Wonderful Counselor (A Son is Given #1)

Week of Dec 2, 2018

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

### ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What is one of your favorite Christmas-related foods?

### DISCUSSION

1. What does a counselor do?

*Read Isaiah 9:6*

2. The Hebrew words translated "Wonderful Counselor" could also be translated, "Extraordinary Strategist," "Amazing Adviser," or "one who plans a miraculous thing." How do these additional possibilities expand the definition of counselor?



*Read John 10:1-11*

3. a. Who is the shepherd? And what does he do?

b. Who are the sheep? And what do they do?

c. How is a shepherd like a counselor?

*Read John 14:15-26*

4. One of the ways Jesus "counsels" his followers is by giving them the "Helper." Who is this Helper, and what does he do?

### MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. How do you think a Jesus-follower can let Jesus and the Holy Spirit be their "wonderful counselor" in everyday life?

### MEMORY VERSE

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)*

### PRAYER

Close in prayer by praying for one another to allow God to be the true Counselor in each person's life situations.

