

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Isaiah 9:1-6

1. A recent news story declared that the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree had arrived in New York City as a “symbol of hope.” How can we focus on Jesus as the true hope of Christmas and avoid taking him out of Christmas this year?
2. Isaiah tells us, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” Read Luke 2:32. How was Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy?
3. Jesus is the light of the world, and we are called to imitate him. Read Ephesians 5:7-8. What do these verses teach about the Christian’s responsibility to imitate Christ as the light?
4. Read Revelation 21:23. According to this verse, how will the presence of Christ illuminate the New Creation after Christ’s return?
5. The prophetic events of Isaiah 9:1-6 are all in the perfect tense. Even though they were future events, Isaiah wrote them with the certainty of completed actions. How can you be confident in Christ’s promises for the future just as Isaiah was?
6. It’s Christmas anyway. This year has been very challenging, but Christmas arrives nevertheless. In light of the challenges of 2020, what excites you most about Christmas this year?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Isaiah 9:2. Discuss among yourselves how you can walk in the light of Christ.