

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

Isiah 9:1-7

1. World peace seems to be the desire of many people in every age. Do you think that the peace desired by non-Christians looks like the peace desired by Christians? How might these views be the same? How might they differ?
2. Read Luke 2:8-14. What do you notice about the angels' words? To whom did they grant peace?
3. Read Isaiah 9:4-5. Peace would come to God's people after they had been set free from oppression and their enemies had been defeated. Why does true peace require the defeat of evil?
4. Read Philippians 4:7. On Sunday, Pastor Craig spoke of peace as the absence of strife. Yet, in the book of Philippians Paul promises that God can give a supernatural peace in the midst of difficult days. How can God's peace sustain you in hard days?
5. In Isaiah 9, one of the greatest promises is that God's peace will be ushered in through a Great King. How does the presence of Jesus guarantee our peace?
6. The last sentence of Isaiah 9:7 is, "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this." That sentence means that the God of angel armies will bring peace because he is jealous (zeal) for his people. How are you encouraged by knowing that God is jealous for you?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize John 16:33. Talk about why you can be of good cheer in Christ.