

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 9:1-7

1. Happiness is an emotion associated with good things happening in your life. Joy is an emotion that can even be experienced in difficult days. Has there ever been a time in your life when you experienced joy even in the midst of difficulty?
2. Read Proverbs 10:28. Why is there greater hope and joy among the righteous than among the wicked? What sorts of victory can the righteous trust in?
3. Our theme for the Christmas season has been, "It's Christmas anyway." How have you worked to find joy this holiday season? How has the COVID-19 pandemic or other events in your life threatened to rob you of your joy this season?
4. On Sunday, Pastor Craig mentioned that there is great joy in remembering. Talk about the joy you have when you remember all that Christ has done for you.
5. Read James 1:2. What do you need to do in your own life to help you find joy even in difficult circumstances?
6. Christmas is hard for some people because they are reminded of the people whom they have lost. How can the presence of Christ help us cope with loss and find joy this Christmas season?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Isaiah 12:6. Discuss how you might show your joy to others.