

UNWRAPPING CHRISTMAS

Unwrapping Christmas: Wonderful Counselor Pastor Mark Pope December 7 & 8, 2019

1. Where do you go first for advice? Do you have a go-to person you talk to for counsel?
2. Share some of the best and worst advice you've been given. How long did it take before you realized that it was good or bad?
3. Do you often think to go to our "Wonderful Counselor" for direction? If you've gone to God for counsel before, what has His response been like?
4. How does man's advice usually compare with the advice we would get from scripture and prayer?
5. When a friend comes to you for counsel, have you ever felt totally inadequate? Have you encouraged that friend to look to God? Have you prayed with them for direction?
6. List the things that Jesus experienced as a human (anger, pain, temptation, etc...) How do these things reassure you that He "gets it?"
7. Read Philippians 2:6-8
Sometimes it can be easy to forget that Jesus was a human man just like us, yet He was completely free of sin and never gave into temptation. How does understanding this fact make us more open to receiving counsel from Him?
8. Have you experienced the power that God supplies through the Holy Spirit in decision making? Give examples of times God's strength and power intervened in your life.
9. What can you do this week to focus on Jesus as the Wonderful Counselor? What will you start doing to prioritize going to Him first for counsel and wisdom?