

# ***Sunday Sermon Notes***

## ***"The Gift"***

### **Isaiah's promise of two kings:**

A political king: Isaiah 9:6-7

A suffering king: Isaiah 53

### **Messianic expectations: *"The King of the Jews"***

Who restores justice

Who secures safety

Who provides prosperity

### **Before becoming our reigning king...**

#### **Jesus became the suffering servant**

He was rejected by men (Isaiah 53:1-3)

He took upon himself our sins (Isaiah 53:4-6)

He suffered and died for us (Isaiah 53:7-9)

He will bring justification (Isaiah 53:10-12)

### **Jesus did first things first...**

#### **He did something about our sins.**

He endured suffering in our behalf

He gave his life, it was not taken from him

He offers salvation as a free gift

### **Jesus offers to us the gift of himself *(Luke 22:19-20)***

***But He is not mine until I accept Him***

# ***Digging Deeper***

## **Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion**

### **Reviewing the Sermon:**

If you had been present when Jesus was on earth, how do you think you would have responded to his message?

Why do you think people are more interested in receiving gifts that have temporary value than in those that have eternal value?

What do you remember about the day you accepted the gift of Jesus in your life?

How did this service affect your understanding of communion?

### ***Bible Study: Isaiah 9:6-7***

#### ***Discussion Questions***

*(Remember that not all questions must be used)*

This is one of many "Messianic" passages in the Old Testament, promising a coming king. Jews expected a political king who would restore the kingdom of Israel to its former glory. As Christians, we understand these words to apply to Jesus, who we believe is our Messiah. The goal of our study today is to celebrate King Jesus who fulfills this prophecy.

Note: Please remember pastor's comments from last week that the Kingdom of God is both a present reality and a future hope. We will focus in this study on the "present reality" of

God's kingdom being something we enjoy among those who have chosen to let Jesus be king of our lives right now.

What do you understand it to mean that "the government will be on his shoulders"? How can we as Christians understand this government? How do we enjoy its benefits now?

In what ways does Jesus become our "Wonderful Counselor"? How do we receive His counsel in our lives today?

What does the phrase "Mighty God" tell us about Jesus? Why does this provide comfort for us?

How do you understand the meaning of "Everlasting Father"? Why does knowing he is "Everlasting" help us?

What do you think is the meaning of "Prince of Peace"? In what ways does Jesus bring peace to our world today?

Which of these "names" of Jesus means the most to you? How do you think your Christian life is helped by knowing Jesus does all these things?

In verse 7 Isaiah promises a number of things about the kingdom over which the Messiah will reign. What do you think the people of Isaiah's time would have interpreted it to mean? In what ways do you believe Jesus does or does not fulfill these expectations?

In the sermon this week, Jesus as the suffering servant was emphasized. In the text of this study, we have been learning about Jesus the "reigning" king. Which of these two concepts help you the most in your life? How is your understanding of Jesus changed by bringing these two ideas together?

***In your prayer time, let each person who wants express praise to Jesus who is both our suffering servant and reigning king.***



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***Luke 22:19-20***

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