



**TRINITY**  
CHURCH

**Sermon Discussion Guide**  
**December 4, 2022**  
**Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25**

*Read the sermon text (Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...*

Why Him?

Isaiah 9:6-7; Matthew 1:18-25

**Sermon Outline**

- The Promise
- The Paragon
- The Purpose

**Sermon Thought:** Christmas calls us to reflect on the names of Jesus to better understand and worship him for all that he has done.

**Sermon Discussion questions**

*After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can “be doers of the word, and not hearers only” (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group’s discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don’t feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.*

1. “Prime the Pump” question—What is your favorite Christmas movie?
2. Was there anything in the sermon or the text that stood out to you?
3. The Promise—Jesus came to fulfill the promises that God made in the Old Testament. Read Isaiah 9:6-7, which lists 4 names for Jesus. Which of these names have you personally experienced in the past month? What did it look like?
4. “Wonderful Counselor”—Jesus is wonderful in that he is both fully man AND fully God. What evidence do you see in his life and in the Christmas story that he is fully man?
5. What evidence do you see in Jesus’ life and in the Christmas story that he is fully God?

6. Read Exodus 15:11. What are some of the “wonders” that God performed in the Old Testament? What are some of the “wonders” that Jesus performs in the New Testament?
7. “Mighty God”—read Zephaniah 3:17. According to this verse, what does God do? What is God using his “might” and “strength” to do?
8. “Everlasting Father”—Through Isaiah, God promises a child (Jesus). How is it possible that a child will be called “father?” Why is this title chosen for Jesus?
9. Jesus came to bring everlasting life. Read these verses. How does each one point to Jesus as the author of everlasting/eternal life? John 1:1-2; John 3:16
10. Read Revelation 1:4-8. What phrases are used to describe Jesus as “everlasting?” Why do you think the book of Revelation begins with these descriptions/phrases?
11. “Prince of Peace”—Jesus came to bring peace. Read Eph. 2:13-14. What kind of peace is being described here?
12. “The Paragon”—Read Matthew 1:21. The name “Jesus” literally means “he saves,” or “The Lord saves.” The name “Jesus” is actually the same word as the name “Joshua.” How does Joshua’s life in the Old Testament demonstrate that God alone can save?
13. Google and read the poem “Ozymandius.” How does this fictional king compare and contrast with Jesus, the true and eternal King of Kings?
14. “The Purpose”—Read Revelation 21:3-6. According to these verses, list as many reasons as you can think of for why Jesus came, the purpose of him coming to earth?
15. Why do you think that God wanted you to see/hear this passage today?