

I Want to Have Hope **Study Questions**

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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“But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”
Isaiah 9:1–2 ESV

Hope is Found in Following Jesus

“And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living? To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn. They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry. And when they are hungry, they will be enraged and will speak contemptuously against their king and their God, and turn their faces upward. And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.”
Isaiah 8:19–22 ESV

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.””
John 8:12 ESV

Four Christmas Truth that Give Me Hope

1. God Cares For Me

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;” *Isaiah 9:6a ESV*

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”
Galatians 4:4–5 ESV

2. Life will be the Way God Intended

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,” *Isaiah 9:6d ESV*

“Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.”
Isaiah 9:7a ESV

3. I Can Completely Trust Jesus

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6 ESV

I Can trust His Direction in My Life

There is Nothing He Cannot Handle

He will Never Change His Mind

He will Bring True Peace

4. He Fulfills Every Promise

“The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.” *Isaiah 9:7b ESV*

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