

A KING FORETOLD

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Isaiah 9:1-7

01 What is so life giving about light?

02 Pray and read Isaiah 9:1-7.

03 What is the distress referred to in verse 1? Who are ‘the people walking in darkness’ (v.2)?

04 Read Matthew 4:12-16. How does this passage fulfil what the prophet Isaiah foretold?

05 What is the hope predicated within verses 1-9? How does this answer Judah’s deepest need?

06 Reflect on the names for the future child given in verse 6: 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'. Pick one that stands out for you and share why.

07 In what ways does Jesus fulfil the roles in verse 6? In what ways does Jesus represent light in your life?

08 What does it mean to live under the rule of Jesus?

09 Think of those in our life who are walking in spiritual darkness? How might we pray for them, drawing from the picture of Jesus in this passage from Isaiah?

10 Looking back on our journey through Isaiah, what is something which you have learned, or will take away?

11 Pray for each other.