



DIGGING DEEPER

Isaiah 9v3-7 – Christmas Gifts – Joy and Peace

PLEASE READ – Isaiah 9v1-7

GETTING STARTED

Look back at v1-2 and recap the main things we learned about the gift of light...

1) CELEBRATION (v3-4)

Isaiah speaks about an ‘enlarged nation’. Talk about the fulfilment of that promise...

- In Israel
- In Jesus
- In Heaven

Why does Isaiah use the 2 pictures he does in v3 to help his people understand the reality of rejoicing?

Why is the Gideon story in Judges 6-7 (referenced in v4) so important?

2) LIBERATION (v4-5)

Talk about the yoke, the bar, and the rod in v4...

How does Jesus liberate us from each of those?

What does v5 add to our understanding of the freedom and the peace that Jesus brings?

3) INCARNATION (v6-7)

How does the incarnation make you feel?

In what sense is the government 'on the shoulders' of Jesus?

Discuss the 4 names that Isaiah gives to God's incarnate Son and what each adds to our understanding of the rule of Jesus...

What beautiful truth from Isaiah 9 is God calling you to dwell upon more deeply this Christmas?

Meditate on the words of Augustine below...

"You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."