

Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born

JOY

Isaiah 8:1-18

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5 Enduring Reasons for Abiding Joy	
New Life (1-4)	2 Kgs. 16:10-16 2 Chron. 26:5; 29:12-13 Is. 7:14
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Strong Tower (11-15)	Prv. 18:10
Confident Hope (16-18)	Is. 40:31 Heb. 2:13
Next Week: "Love" (Isaiah 8:19-9:7)	
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<h1 style="text-align: center;">JOY</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Isaiah 8:1-18</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the distractions that often keep us from recognizing the work of God, the life and joy that he is providing and producing all around us? 2. How did the names of Isaiah’s sons serve as signs and symbols to King Ahaz? How do both names provide both a chime of hope and a tone of warning? 3. What is it in 8:5 that the people rejected (think beyond the figure of speech)? And what did their rejection mean for their future security? 4. Why is it important for the Christian community to come together and regularly rehearse the concept of “Immanuel” God with us? What should this practice produce within our congregation? 5. Take some time to reflect with your small group, or journal about the sources in your life that are contributing to a lack of peace and joy. What voices are disturbing the peace? What attitudes, habits, and or behaviors are robbing you of joy? How can you change your postures, attitudes, and behaviors to better embrace and reflect the glory and hope of Christ in these areas? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u> Isaiah 1-9 2 Kgs. 16:10-16 2 Chron. 26:5; 29:12-13 Is. 7:14 Ps. 23:2-3 Ps. 23:5 Matt. 1:22-23 Prv. 18:10 Is. 40:31 Heb. 2:13</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u> Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>