

Part 2: Hope in the Coming Light

ISAIAH 8-9

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The Pathetic **SCENE** (8:19-20)

The Promised **SALVATION** (9:1)

The Perfect **SAVIOR** (9:2, 9:3)

Wonderful Counselor Isaiah 9:6

Mighty God Isaiah 9:6

Everlasting Father Isaiah 9:6

Prince of Peace Isaiah 9:6

The Peaceful **SOVEREIGN** (9:7)



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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? — Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other. Toward that end, here's a *random* question to discuss and break the ice as you get going. Have everyone answer:

Speaking of light coming into the darkness this weekend, many kids are afraid of the dark. What's a weird or funny fear you had as a child?

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. In Isaiah 9 Jesus is said to be the prince of peace—a peacemaker. Peacemakers are desperately needed in our world. Peacemaking is not something that just happens, nor is it about constantly raising the surrender flag to get peace; rather, it's something we actively pursue. How do the following verses help us understand what pursuing peace with others looks like?

Proverbs 16:24

Romans 12:17-21

Galatians 6:1-2

Colossians 3:13

- Write down anything you can think of that would help you in your effort to live at peace with the people in each area below.

– **Family**

– **Work**

– **Church**

– **Community**



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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR OUTCOMES This is who we hope you grow to become at Wawasee Bible...

If I'm truly growing as a follower of Jesus, I should be growing in the ways that I am...

- 1 | Receiving From God.** Am I reading the Word regularly? When am I gathering to hear the Word taught? What fruit of the Spirit do I see growing in my life?
- 2 | Responding To God.** How am I talking to and listening to God regularly? What are some healthy spiritual habits I'm working on (things like giving, scripture memory, repentance, rest, etc.)?
- 3 | Receiving From Others.** Where and how am I in community/friendship with other Christians in our church who have a window to speak into my life?
- 4 | Moving Toward Others.** How and where am I contributing to and initiating community with other Christians in our church? (Or am I only consuming?)
- 5 | Going to those Far from God.** How am I regularly going toward those who are far from God—loving them, sharing God's Story and my own story? When was the last time I shared God's story and/or my faith story? Who is on my PEARL list?

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find: John 1:9-13 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁹ The true **light**, which **gives light** to **everyone**, was **coming** into the **world**.

¹⁰ He was in the **world**, and

the **world** was **made**

through him, yet the **world**

did not **know** him. ¹¹ He

came to his own, and his

own **people** did not **receive**

him. ¹² But to all who did

receive him, who **believed**

in his **name**, he **gave** the

right to **become children** of

God, ¹³ who were **born**, not

of **blood** nor of the will of

the **flesh** nor of the will of

man, but of God.

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- In the late 1800's, Horatio Spafford wrote the famous hymn, *It is Well with My Soul*. This was in response to the tragic loss of his daughters, who died in a shipwreck. Here is the first verse of that song:

*"When peace like a river attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll,
 Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say;
 It is well, it is well with my soul."*

His words lead us to believe that he had found peace even in the midst of horrible circumstances. Biblical peace does not mean we have to love everything just the way it is. But it does mean we can cope with those things we most dread. Study the verses below together.

Psalm 46:1-3

Psalm 46:10-11

- How can Psalm 46:1-3 and 10-11 help us better learn to experience peace even in the hard times we'd rather bypass?

- How do you think biblical peace relates to biblical hope?

- Maybe pull out your phone, open up Logos or any bible app, and search to see how often hope and peace show up near each other in Scripture. Study those passages together.

Taking It Home

- The message of Christmas is that Jesus came as the Prince of Peace so we can all have peace with God. As followers of Jesus, we've been called to be ambassadors who offer this same peace to others. As you think about the people in your life, is there anyone you would love to see experience peace with God during this Christmas season? In addition to prayer, can you think of anything else that might help you nudge them toward the Prince of Peace?.

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women.** Feel free to share requests, just be sure each person gets prayed for.

This week's Study Guide is adapted from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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