

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Series: *The Story: unpacking the Christmas Narrative*

December 13, 2020

Isaiah 9:1-7

Let's Talk

Share with the group your favorite story and tell why this story has captured you.

Let's Go Deeper

- 1) Isaiah was written about 700 years before Jesus' birth. What do you think it would have been like to read these words?
- 2) As we unpack more of the story behind the Christmas story, the people of God begin to see that this emerging individual is extremely unique. Isaiah described this as a great light against a deep darkness. Pastor Tom has used the word "devastation" and then tried to picture it with brokenness, division, hardship and more. How would you describe this darkness?
- 3) Do you agree with the statement: **"We will never enter the fullness of Christmas JOY until we see the extent of the devastation."** Why or why not? What is the point of this statement?
- 4) How have you experienced the work of the serpent in your life?
- 5) Which of the descriptions of the King (wonderful Counselor; Mighty God; everlasting Father; Prince of Peace) is most significant to you and why?

6) How does Isaiah 9:1-7 make you think different about 2020 and the enduring pandemic?

Let's Act:

Continue asking God who you could invite to come to or view a Christmas service. Pray as a group for these people or for God to bring people to mind that you could invite.

Share with the group what you are doing to make Christmas more meaningful for you and your family.