



Isaiah is undoubtedly the most well known of all prophets in scripture. Remember that a prophet was someone chosen by God to bring a message to the people. Isaiah wrote the prophecy of Christ's birth at least a hundred years before Israel was taken into Babylonian captivity and almost 600 years before the birth of Jesus! Imagine God giving you a word that something so important was going to take place 600 years before the actual occurrence!

"For to us a child is born" is not describing just any child. By those words you may think that it is just another birth – but, this is the birth of the SAVIOR OF THE WORLD! His birth changed YOUR life! At the moment when He took His first breath, He was already experiencing human life (even as a divine God) while also changing our eternity. If He had not come to earth and later died on the cross for our sins, we would not have the greatest gift of all which is eternal life. That gift doesn't come with a pretty bow under the Christmas tree! If He were not born, our lives would simply end with death.

The descriptions given by Isaiah about who Jesus would be to the world are powerful – Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Mighty God and Prince of Peace. He is the Wonderful Counselor because He has wisdom that is beyond our human capacity and He can only speak truth. He is the Everlasting Father because time rests in His loving hands. He is the Mighty God because He is the Creator who brought all things into existence. He is the Prince of Peace because He offers the gift of peace that can only come from Him, nothing that the world can provide.

What you need to understand about this verse is 1) the birth of Jesus was not just another event – it was foretold long, long before and His coming changed our lives 2) the government shall rest on His shoulders – this means that EVERYTHING (even Trump and Hillary!) is under His control and dominion, and 3) the names of Jesus help us understand His character and His power in our lives. Those who were walking in darkness, saw a great light on the day He was born {Isaiah 9:2}. We no longer have to remain in the darkness! Be encouraged that His light can change you and consequently change the world.

Merry Christmas, Lumin friends. May you experience the birth of our Savior in a new and powerful way this season and may your light shine bright.



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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### ● ○ ○ YOU&GOD

What aspect of Jesus brings you the most comfort – the truth and wisdom of being the Wonderful Counselor, the timelessness and sovereignty of being the Everlasting Father, the power and strength that He brings as the Mighty God, or the peace and serenity that is offered as the Prince of Peace?

Take a moment and express gratitude to God for sending His son to experience life as we know it. Even in His divinity, He chose to take on humanity.

### ● ● ○ HUSBANDS&WIVES

Isaiah tells us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He provides a peace that the world cannot offer. What is an area of our lives where you could use that "peace that passes all understanding {Philippians 4:7}?"

How can we live our lives differently during this season, in order to show that Jesus's birth really matters?

How can I help show you that you are a gift to me this Christmas season?

### ● ● ● PARENTS&KIDS

Why do you think that Jesus came as a baby?

God sent His only son, Jesus, to be born in a manger, live 33 years on earth as a human, and then die on a cross for our sins. Why do you think God did that?

Christmas is really all about Jesus. How can we, as a family, focus more on Him this season than we do on Santa?

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EVERLASTING Father  
PRINCE <sup>of</sup> PEACE  
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