

STUDY GUIDE



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[set up]

What are you thankful for this week?

What are you struggling with this week?

Who has been a strong leader in your life in the past? How were they strong as a leader? As you consider your own leadership in light of his/hers, how would you grade yourself as a leader on a scale of 1-10, 10 being high?

[digging deeper]

Ask one person to read **Isaiah 9:2-7** out loud while everyone reads along.

Ask another person to read the passage out loud.

Without looking at the Bible, a third person retells the passage in his/her own words again. As a group, others will fill in what's missing.

Ask, "What does this passage teach about God?" Record answers on a large Post-it.

Ask, "What does this passage teach about people?" Record answers on a large Post-it.

Ask, "What does this passage teach about obedience, about how we are to live?" Record answers on a large Post-it.

[living it out]

In the message, we learned that Jesus—as a great leader—brings light, not darkness; insight, not ignorance; strength, not weakness; constancy, not unpredictability; peace, not strife. Which of these characteristics do you need most in your life right now? Why?

How do these truths make you long for the second coming of Christ and for heaven?

Ask, "In light of what we now know about this passage, what risk is God calling you to take this week? How does God want you to obey this Scripture?" Encourage everyone to write an "I will" statement. Then, record all the "I will" statements on a large Post-it.

Ask the group, "Which of these statements is something that you might need to consider for your own life? Why?"

Ask, "Who will you share these truths with this week? How will you be 'all in' and live this 'out loud' this week? Who do you know who needs to hear this?"

Take prayer requests by asking, "In this upcoming week, what is going to be a challenge for you?" Close your time in prayer for one another.