

New Life

GROUP GUIDE (December 15, 2024)

This guide is designed to help you grow in your relationship with God and develop meaningful relationships with others. Get together with friends or visit brookwoodchurch.org/groups to find a group already meeting. *Let's do this together!*

Week 3

What Do You Need From God?

Connect

What do you most look forward to (or dread) during the Christmas season?

Pray

Ask someone to lead the group in prayer. Thank God for the presence of His Spirit with you.

Read

Have someone read **Isaiah 9:1-7**.

Reflection and Discussion

Choose from the following questions to build your relationship with God and each other. The goal is to interact with God through the Bible and shared experiences, not to finish all the questions.

Insight: Zebulun and Naphtali were two tribes located in Galilee in the northern kingdom of Israel. These tribes experienced prolonged suffering after being conquered by Assyria, but Isaiah prophesied of a great light that would come into this land of darkness.

1. What do you see in these verses that might be causes of darkness and despair for the people of Israel?
2. Describe when you've felt a continuing burden on your shoulders.

3. What's provided as a solution to the despair in this passage?
4. Name some of the attractive characteristics of the child given to us.
5. Which characteristic do you need most from God today?

Read **Matthew 4:13-17**. This happened around 700 years after the prophecy written in Isaiah 9.

6. How does Jesus bring hope to the people in Galilee?
7. How has Jesus given you hope in the past? How do you need Jesus to give you hope today?

The Big Takeaway

Spend a few minutes in silence. Trust that God is near and desires to meet with you. **Ask God what He wants you to know or do from this week's study.** Write down the thoughts God brings to your mind. **Share this with the group and pray for each other.**

Scripture Memory

One way to keep Jesus at the center of your life is to keep the words of Scripture at the center of your heart. Remember this verse to remember God's provision through Jesus.

*The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. **Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)***



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