

## ***Personal Application and Conversations***

1. What have you been doing to take in the joy of Christmas this year?
2. What do you think God wants you to personally take away from the gloom or despair He addressed through the prophet?
3. The names for Jesus given in Isaiah 9:6 draw our attention to His answer to the darkness in people-groups and individuals. How do those names help you deal with the causes of your own feelings of helplessness?
4. Why do you think our governments struggle with issues and why do they fail to keep their promises to make everything better when they're in charge?
5. Social justice issues dominate the daily news cycle. How do they work on your psyche and what do you try to do about it?



# ***A Great Light***

**Isaiah 9:1-7**

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I'm always eager to see the Christmas lights in my neighborhood. They really do a lot to lift my spirits and bring a lot of joy into my celebration. We like to take them in when we are coming and going. Occasionally we even push the boundaries to take in other communities of light-inspired artwork. After all, light wonderfully overcomes darkness. Let's follow what God says about light overcoming our darkness.

*Gloom is a serious problem  
Who's gloomy?*

*A great light is the only answer*

*That great light is Jesus*

*A child is born*

*A son is given*

*His Names*

*Wonderful Counselor*

*Mighty God*

*Everlasting Father*

*Prince of Peace*

*His promised government*

*Justice*

*Righteousness*

*Now*

*Forever*