

Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6 & Jeremiah 29:10-14

SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. Introduction:

It's personal

Question: Do you know Jesus as your wonderful counselor?

II. Choose Experience over mere ideas

1. Yada - Experiential Knowledge

III. Affirm God's Wisdom and Might

1. What God doesn't need
2. What God wants
3. What God wills

IV. Hold on to Jesus, not your desired outcome

1. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:1

V. Accept the Mystery of His plans

VI. Affirm the goodness of His plans

Discussion Questions

Sharing Life Together

1. Share about a time when you experienced God working good for you through the circumstances of your life?
2. Is there a particular time in your life where you can look back and say, "At this point, I committed to seeking God's purposes for my life"?

Reflecting on the Message Together

Read Isaiah 9:1-7 and Jeremiah 29:1-14

1. Prophecy demonstrates that God has a plan for human history. God is directing events towards his purposed outcome. How have you experienced God guiding your life towards His purposes?
2. What do you think are God's main purposes for you?
3. What happens when we refuse to align our lives to God's purposes?
4. On a scale of 1 to 100, with 100 being totally committed to following God's will for your life, how would you rate your passion for knowing and living according to God's purpose for your life?
What do you think needs to change to move the number higher?
5. What personal dreams have you given up so that you can pursue God's purpose for your life?
6. Share about one experience that helps you affirm that God's plans can be a little bit mysterious.
7. Share about one experience that helps you affirm the goodness and wonder of God's plans for your life?
8. How did God speak to you through the message?
9. How can we pray for one another?