



# the promise

## **READ**

- During the next few weeks, we look forward to the Advent, or coming, of the Christ who saves us from our sins. In these passages, we look at how we got to this point and why it is important.
- Read Isaiah 9:1-7 and consider what lesson the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

## **EXAMINE**

- Isaiah 8:22 provides a helpful context for the section that follows. What sticks out to you about this verse?
- Isaiah 9:1-7 speaks of a hope that will dispel the spiritual gloom of Isaiah 8:22. After reading the passage, what is the hope? How do you know?
- This passage looks forward to the hope of a coming Messiah. Work through each of the descriptions of the child in verses 6-7. How do you see these in Jesus?

## **APPLY**

- Isaiah 9:1-7 is a passage of hope in a dark time. What gives you hope in dark times?
- How should hope cause Christians to live differently than the rest of the world?
- What are some ways we, as Christians, can daily remind each other and ourselves of this hope?

## **PRAY**

Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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# NOTES

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