

# TO US

## Wonderful Counselor

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In all the hustle and bustle of the season, could it be possible that we're rushing past what's most important about Christmas? What we need is to pause and reflect on the greatest gift that's been given to us: Jesus, our Wonderful Counselor.

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. | Isaiah 9:6
  - Jesus is the central gift of Christmas.
  - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. | John 3:16
  - "Wonderful Counselor" speaks to the heart of Jesus: his kindness, his goodness.
  - What do counselors do? They care. They help.
  - Jesus knows what you need.
  - Jesus knows he can help you.
  - Jesus is always available to you.
  - Jesus identifies with your pain.
  - Jesus paid the bill.
  - What good is a counselor if we don't heed his counsel?
  - The gift is always found on the other side of obedience.
  - Are we willing to listen to and follow the counsel of the Wonderful Counselor?
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How much do you feel like you're able to appreciate and focus on the true gift of Christmas during this season? How much do you feel the stress or distraction of the busy-ness of the season?
2. Isaiah describes Christ as our Wonderful Counselor. What does this mean for you to be given the gift of Jesus as counselor—who knows what you need, how to help you, is always available to you, and identifies with your pain?
3. Part of the gift is found in obedience—listening to the counsel given to us. Has there been anything or is there anything that you feel God has been counseling you to do, but you've been reluctant to listen and follow?