

"Everlasting Father" December 7 –8, 2019 Pastor Tyler Scott

## INTRODUCTION

The prophet Isaiah describes a "great light" that is coming for all those who live in darkness and despair. He tells us that "a child will be *born to us* and *given to us*." This child is described as an Everlasting Father. Today we learn to SEE and TRUST that *Jesus* is our EVERLASTING FATHER.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Read Isaiah 9:1-2. The people needed hope. How did Isaiah give them hope?
  - Have you ever felt like you were going through a time of darkness or despair that would never end? If comfortable, briefly share.
- 2. **Read Matthew 4:14-16.** Why do you think Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah's teaching? How does this help tie Jesus' ministry to the Old Testament?
- 3. Look again at Isaiah 9:2 and Matthew 4:16 and read John 8:12. Looking at each of these scriptures, who the "great light" that Isaiah described?
- 4. JESUS IS FOREVER.
  - **Read John 1:1-5**. What statements in these verses describe Jesus as FOREVER? Why is it important that Jesus be FOREVER?
- 5. JESUS IS FATHERLY.
  - **Read John 1:14.** *He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness*. Some of us can use these same words to describe our own Father. But sadly, some of us did not have a loving and faithful Father. Briefly share.
- 6. JESUS IS FOR US.
  - **Read Luke 15:31 and Ephesians 1:5.** How do these scriptures help you SEE and TRUST Jesus as your Everlasting Father that is FOR you.
  - Read John 1:12-13. What do these passages say to you?

Being born makes you physically alive and places you in your parents family. Being born of God makes you spiritually alive and puts you in God's family. All who receive Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives are reborn spiritually. Have you received Jesus as Lord of your life? If you are ready to make a commitment to Jesus, we'd love to connect with you! Visit http://www.cpcdanville.org/yes/

## COMMIT TO MEMORY

"I will never leave you. I will never forsake you." Hebrews 13:5b

## PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you meet again.