



## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Week of December 19, 2021*

*Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.*

### **Sermon Text**

#### **Isaiah 9:2-7**

***2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.***

*If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermononline>*

### **Summary**

As we witness and experience the trials of life in a fallen world, our hearts naturally long for true justice, righteousness and peace. Although mankind may seek these things through education, good jobs, fancy homes, or a perfect soul mate, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that our only hope is Christ and His kingdom. In today's text, we learn about three truths: 1) The salvation of God's people, 2) The advent of God's King; and 3) The establishment of God's kingdom.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Think about the present trials and tribulations we face in our world today with a global pandemic, political unrest, rising inflation, social turmoil and international

threats - where, or to what do you think the unbelieving world turns, to find a sense of peace and security, and how successful do you think they are at finding true peace?

2. In spite of Israel's sin, Isaiah prophesied of a coming salvation that would bring light to darkness and fill God's people with joy and gladness. What does this tell you about God's love and mercy towards His people? How has God shown His love and mercy to you personally, and how does this give you peace?
3. Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be born into the world and that He would be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Which of these names has the most significance for you and why?
4. The kingdom of God will be established and upheld with justice and righteousness for all eternity. Why is it important for Christians to focus on the Kingdom of God and to live with an eternal perspective?