

## **Faith Is...When God is Silent**

Sermon Based Life Group study for the week of December 3

### Getting To Know Each Other

- What is the most important light in your house? Nightlight, chandelier, headlight on your car, flashlight, refrigerator light?

### Into the Bible

Read Habakkuk 3:2

- Why does God seem silent sometimes to us?
- Have you ever seen a miracle from God? What was it?
- What is one miracle, that happened in the Bible, you would like to see today?
- How would you explain to a friend why God seems far away sometimes?
- Application: How has God spoken to you in hard, silent times?

Read Isaiah 9:1-7

- In verse 2, what is the darkness? Physical or spiritual?
- There is a light coming as hope to our world. What is the light? See Isaiah 7:14. What does Immanuel mean?
- Why did God send hope in the form of a baby? Verse 6. Why not instant hope like a hero warrior?
- This Son was “given” not earned. Explain the difference. See John 1:12
- Explain the importance of each of the Son’s titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- In verse 7, how will the Son change the world?
- Give examples how this changed world still differs from our current society?
- What are the kinds of peace that Jesus brought to us? Romans 5:1, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:15.
- How does God’s peace change us? 1 Thessalonians 5:13 & 23; 2 Thessalonians 3:16
- Application: What have been some dark times in your life? How did you see God’s light of hope come? Did someone help you? Did God intervene? Do you still feel lost in darkness?
- Application: How have you used Jesus as your counselor when times have gotten tough?
- Application: How have you felt Immanuel – God with us – in your daily life?
- Application: Is it comforting to know that we have an Everlasting Father in guide us? Was your earthly father a good example?
- Application: In what areas do you need peace in your life?