He Will Be Called
When You're Hurting and Need Guidance

Talk It Over

Message Summary

The prophet Isaiah told the people of Israel that when Messiah came, He would be called **Wonderful Counselor**. Jesus, working in tandem with the Holy Spirit, guides, comforts, and heals us as we live in God's truth.

Key Scripture

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 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- John 14:16-17 CSB
- John 10:3-4 NLT
- John 14:16 KJV
- Isaiah 66:13 NIV
- Psalm 147:3 NIV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Who do you go to for advice? What about their perspective is helpful?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read **Isaiah 9:6**. How would you define "Wonderful Counselor"? What traits does a Wonderful Counselor exhibit?
- The word "counselor" comes from the Greek word "parakletos," which can also mean "advocate," "helper," "defender," or "comforter." How have you seen Jesus and the Holy Spirit exemplify these traits in your life?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- To follow the guidance of the Wonderful Counselor, we need to recognize His voice. What rhythms could you implement to better listen for His guidance?
- What is your heart needing from the Wonderful Counselor today? Guidance? Comfort? Healing? How will you seek these things out this week?

Start Praying

Lord, thank You for what the Christmas season means: rejoicing in who You are and all You've done. Thank You for being our Wonderful Counselor. Please open our eyes to see the guidance, comfort, and healing You have for us this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- This week, look to Jesus as your Wonderful Counselor. Spend time in His Word, getting to know His voice, and accepting the guidance, comfort, and healing He has for you.
- Start the Bible Plan *The Christmas Story* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/christmas25
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.