

Life Group Discussion Guide

December 14: Isaiah 9:6 --- Everlasting Father

Icebreaker:

Who is the best fictional father you can think of and why? Example: Carl Winslow, *Family Matters*, because of his investment in the family and epic mustache.

Discussion Questions:

Every group is different! As you prepare, choose the questions that best fit your group, focusing on those that spark meaningful conversation. Don't rush—depth is better than distance. Trust the Holy Spirit to lead your discussion!

Big idea: The Everlasting Father doesn't grant all we wish for; rather, He gives what we're made for.

Read Psalm 107:9.

1. Belonging

- a. Read Genesis 1:26a.
- b. What does this verse reveal about God's relational nature and our own (being made in His image)?
- c. In **Genesis 3:7–10**, shame enters the story for the first time. How have shame or insecurity impacted your sense of belonging with God or others?
- d. According to **Jeremiah 24:7**, how does God describe His plan to restore His relationship with His people?
- e. **Revelation 21: 3** describes God dwelling with man as He did in the Garden prior to sin. How can we connect this passage with the Christmas season?

2. Security

- a. Read Genesis 1:28-29.
- b. What do you notice about the completeness of God's protection and provision before sin?
- c. How do we see from the accounts of Jesus's birth that provision, protection, and vulnerability coexisted for Joseph, Mary, and Jesus?

- d. **Read Revelation 21:4.** Why does experiencing the comfort of God often require experiencing vulnerability, too?
- e. Share a time when God provided in an unexpected or last-minute way—how did it shape your understanding of Him as Father?

3. Significance

- a. Read Genesis 1:26 and 2:18.
- b. What do these passages teach about Adam's and Eve's original calling; how did sin warp Adam and Eve's purpose from their original design (see **Genesis 3:16 and 3:17** for the comparison).
- c. Applying passage to your own experience, how does sin twist our pursuit of significance?
- d. **Read Matthew 3:17**. What happens in your heart when you imagine God saying these words over *you*?
- e. Why do you think validation—especially from a parent or authority figure "hits different," even into adulthood?

4. Reflection and Application:

- a. Which of the three longings—Belonging, Security, Significance—do you sense God inviting you to trust Him with right now?
- b. How have you seen the Everlasting Father give you not everything you wish for, but exactly what you need?
- c. Close your group time by praying that each person would experience—and reflect—the belonging, security, and significance found in our Everlasting Father.

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All Campus

- Christmas at Legacy Who are you inviting?
 - o Nov 30 to Dec 21: Fun Christmas-themed activities each week for both kids and adults.
 - Dec 23 & 24: Christmas Eve Services. Visit Icc.org and click "Christmas Eve Service Times" for your campus schedule.
- Thanksgiving Offering Now through Dec 31
 - o Give online at **Icc.org** by selecting "Thanksgiving Offering."
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 - o Choose a tag and bless a family! Details at Icc.org under "Blessing Tree."
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