

Sermon discussion questions

SERMON TITLE: The Bethlehem Express-
“When We Struggle to Believe”

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KEY SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 9:6-7, John 20:31

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For 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. ⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

John 20:31

³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- What are you celebrating in your life this week? (What are you thankful for?)
- What's challenging you this week? (What do you need prayer for?)

SCRIPTURE: Read the scripture out loud.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why is our faith in God so important to us fully enjoying Christmas?

What is faith and what does it mean to you?

When in life, do you think people struggle with believing in God and His promises? When do you?

Why do we at times struggle with our faith (have trouble believing)?

Why is it helpful to know that faith is a “Gift from God”?

- Why is it helpful to be honest with God, even when you are struggling to believe?
- “Know that God doesn't change based on your struggle to believe”. What will you do when struggling to believe?

PRAYER: Take time to pray for one another. Pray that we would always look to Jesus and trust in Him, regardless of the circumstances. May we be grateful for the gift of faith and always give thanks for God's grace.