



Do you know the origin of your name? Is it a family name? Or perhaps your parents named you to reflect a certain occasion. Or maybe you were named after someone that meant a great deal to your parents.

This week we are going to continue our study of the incarnation of Christ. Incarnation means that Jesus, as the second person of the Trinity, came to earth to become man. John puts it this way, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14).

In our study we are going to learn about the wonderful names attributed to the coming incarnate Messiah by the prophet Isaiah.

***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.***

– Isaiah 9:6

## Group Study Questions

1. Do you know the origin of your name? Spend a few minutes as a group talking about your names and the significance behind them.

2. In Scripture a person's name represented their character. The same is true of God. In the box on the right is just a few of the names attributed to God. Read through the list as a group. Discuss how knowing these names of God and His character can help you approach Him.

### SOME NAMES OF GOD

Elohim – the Creator God  
El Elyon – possessor of heaven & earth  
Jehovah-Jireh – The Lord will provide  
Jehovah-Rapha – The Lord that heals  
Jehovah-Shalom – The Lord of peace  
Jehovah Rohi – The Lord our shepherd

3. Over 700 years before Jesus was born, Isaiah prophesied the names of Christ. Have someone in your group read aloud Isaiah 9:6 below.

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List the names given to Christ in this passage.

4. What do you think of when you think of the term “counselor”?

Pastor Tim explained that when you look at the original language, a better translation might be “wonderful strategist” or “extraordinary strategist”. Discuss this as a group. How does knowing Christ as the “extraordinary strategist” bring you comfort?

5. Discuss the name “Mighty God”. What does it mean to be mighty? Discuss what it means to know that God has the power to overcome everything.

6. Pastor Tim showed us that “Everlasting Father” is not a reference to God as the first person of the Trinity, but rather it is a reference to the Son as the Author of Eternity. “Everlasting” means perpetual and eternal and “Father” is a personal and relational reference. Read Colossians 1:16 and discuss what this means to you?

7. What does the word “peace” mean?

8. What is the opposite of peace?

9. In what ways do we desire peace in our lives? How do we receive the peace of Christ?

### **For Personal Devotion and Study**

10. In what ways is Jesus your “Wonderful Counselor” or “Extraordinary Strategist”? Read Jeremiah 29:11. Are you trusting Him and His plans for you?

11. Is Jesus your “Mighty God”? Do you see that He has the power to take hopeless situations and solve them? Are you trusting Him enough to submit to Him and His plan for your life?

12. Meditate on Colossians 1:16. Think of Jesus as your “Everlasting Father” – the “Author of Eternity”. What comes to your mind? Write your thoughts below.

13. What in your life is causing you to not be at peace? Write them below.

Jesus conquered sin on your behalf – to bring peace between you and God. When you submit to Christ as Prince of Peace you experience His peace. Meditate on Philippians 4:6-7. Write down your thoughts.