

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Wonderful Counselor

December 6, 2015

Isaiah 9:1-7

- 1.) What are some different things you have known people to say or believe about the identity of Jesus?
- 2.) Why is accurately identifying Jesus so important? What difference do alternative perspectives on his identity make, and how can early Church history teach us about that?

HINT: Most of the significant controversy and many of the heresies in the Church in its first couple of centuries surrounded the identity, person, and nature of Jesus. Consider some of the early creeds in this regard.
- 3.) Describe in your own words what it means for Jesus to be promised as a “Wonderful Counselor.”
- 4.) What is highlighted by the comparison and contrast between Moses at Mount Sinai and Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount?
- 5.) What other New Testament examples can you think of where Jesus is presented as a wonderful counselor?
- 6.) Will said there is one other question that may be as important to answer as “Who is Jesus?”. What is that question?
- 7.) Will gave the analogy of seeing a great chef vs. tasting his food to demonstrate the difference between merely knowing someone’s identity and actually experiencing it. What other analogies help communicate this distinction?
- 8.) What are the “phones” in your life, the places you turn for counsel or direction that often distract you from experiencing Jesus as YOUR Wonderful Counselor?
- 9.) Try explaining to another member of your group how you have personally experienced Jesus as YOUR Wonderful Counselor (BONUS: Pretend your “friend” does not personally know Jesus.).



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