

SMALL GROUP Q'S

Everlasting Father
December 20, 2015
Isaiah 9:1-7

- 1.) What things come to mind when you think about a father? Whether your experience has been good or bad, what characteristics would you say describe an ideal father?
- 2.) Which clip was your favorite part of the "Greatest Dad Wins Ever" video? You can watch the whole video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xiMbHO6Nyl>.
- 3.) Can you remember a particular time that your father (or someone acting in his place) stood up for you against a "bully" of any sort? How did that experience make you feel?
- 4.) It is often frustrating that Jesus is the Mighty God (able to help) and Everlasting Father (wants to help) but doesn't seem to help. What does that show us about our own desires and about Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor?

HINT: Think of the list a child might make of what it means for his father to be a good father and compare that with the wisdom of a father who knows what is truly best for his child.
- 5.) What or whom do we often see as our greatest enemies? What or whom did Jesus see as the greatest enemies he needed to face and conquer for us? How do these differences impact our expectations of Jesus helping us?
- 6.) Think of the last time you felt hopeless, despairing, as though you were facing a dead end and there was no way out and no hope of change. What made you feel that way?
- 7.) Do you tend to cry out to Jesus in those situations? Why or why not?
- 8.) Will said, "No matter what hopeless mess we're in, Jesus doesn't leave us alone in it; he enters in ..." He mentioned that these difficult situations include even death and hell. How is it true even there that "Jesus has entered in with us and conquered for us"? How does that impact our perspective on life's seemingly hopeless situations?
- 9.) The Bible insists we have an Everlasting Father "whose commitment is always unchanging, whose protection is absolutely unfailing, and whose love is amazingly unending." Where in your life does that reality bring you comfort, joy, or hope?



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