



Group Discussion Guide

What is the Promise of a Messiah?

1. Give a very brief update on how your week was and make sure to introduce everyone to all the guests. Make sure that you share something for which you are thankful to God.
2. Review Luke 2:30-33, Isaiah 9:6-7, and 2 Samuel 7:11-13.

Luke 2:30-33 - But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Isaiah 9:6-7 (circa 700 B.C.) - For 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. Of 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.

2 Samuel 7:11-13 (circa 1,000 B.C.) - The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

3. Head - what did you learn from these passages and the teaching in the sermon?
4. Heart - what did you sense the Holy Spirit saying to you during the sermon?
5. Hand - what do you need to do to obey what the Spirit is saying?
6. Hands - how can this group support you in your obedience and in sharing this teaching with others?
7. How can we pray for each other this week.