

# LIFE GROUP

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Unending Shalom November 30, 2025

#### Summary

In this message, Kyle reminds us that even though life teaches us to be skeptical and expect disappointment, God is not like that—He is truly generous. Isaiah describes how we earned darkness by turning from God, yet God steps in with a “nevertheless” and gives light, hope and Jesus Himself. Jesus is God’s greatest gift: fully God and fully human, the One who brings unending shalom—true peace, wholeness and well-being. God’s generosity never runs out because He never changes. He is our Give-First God who keeps His promises, and our proper response is worship and gratitude for His unending generosity to us.

#### Scripture

When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? Consult God’s instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. Isaiah 8:19-22 (NIV)

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness  
a light has dawned.  
You have enlarged the nation  
and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest,  
as warriors rejoice  
when dividing the plunder.  
For as in the day of Midian’s defeat,  
you have shattered  
the yoke that burdens them,  
the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor.  
Every warrior’s boot used in battle  
and every garment rolled in blood

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will be destined for burning,  
will be fuel for the fire.  
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. Isaiah 9:1-7 (NIV)

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: Matthew 4:12-14 (NIV)

### Let's Start

Have you ever been surprised when something really was as good as it sounded?

### Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

### Let's Talk

1. Isaiah describes people “walking in darkness.” How have you seen the consequences of stepping outside God’s ways in your own life or in others’ lives?
2. What does the word “nevertheless” show you about God’s heart toward people in messy situations?
3. Which name in Isaiah 9:6 (Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace) means the most to you right now? Why?
4. How does Jesus being both fully God and fully human help you trust Him more?
5. Where do you most need God’s shalom—His peace, wholeness or healing—to break into your life?
6. What helps you move from going through the motions to actually **worshipping God fully**?
7. Since God is a “give first” God, what is one simple way you can reflect His generosity to someone else this week?

