



**Best Gift Ever 3 – A Great Rescuer (Mighty God)
Spiritual Formation Guide**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take a next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

Isaiah 9:1

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress.

Isaiah 9:2-6

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
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.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?"

For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:24

He personally carried our sins
in his body on the cross
so that we can be dead to sin
and live for what is right.

By his wounds
you are healed.

Reflection Questions:

- What is something you are finding joy in this time of year?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Read 1 Corinthians 12:55-57. How does this passage encourage you? How does it make you look at life differently?
- Read 1 Peter 2:24. What sticks out to you as you read these powerful words?
- Read Isaiah 9:1-6. How does this passage encourage you or give you hope?
- Michael reminded us that advent is a safe place to grieve and wait, but to wait with hope. How does this encourage you in this season?
- Michael also reminded us that we are the rescued, not the Rescuer. How does this challenge you?

Want some resources and ideas for how to grow spiritually during the Advent and Christmas seasons?

Visit www.wschurch.org/advent.

Message Main Points and Scripture:

- "We tend by a secret law of our soul to move toward our mental image of God... Were we able to exact from any man a complete answer to the, 'What comes to mind when you think about God?' we might predict with certainty the spiritual future of that man." - A.W. Tozer
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