

Discussion Questions from the November 29 Sermon

Sermon Title: *He Shall Be Called: Wonderful Counsellor*

Big Idea:

All proper counsel is an appeal to teaching us how to get our lives and choices in line with how the world really works. The main point for Sunday's message was to make sure we understood that God made the world and is the source of all logic, wisdom and understanding. Therefore, we should look to him for wisdom primarily. When he came to Earth, Jesus taught us how to live in God's world. He was wonderful in the counsel of God. By his Spirit he gives us the power to live how he wants and designed us to live.



Questions:

1. Advent is the season of preparing and expecting. What does your family do to prepare for Christmas? Are there any traditions you would consider adopting as you prepare not for the craziness of the Christmas season but for deepening your appreciation of Christ's coming.
2. This week we talked about the importance of being filled with God's Spirit as we are directed by him. How are you challenged by Jesus' statement in John 16:7 when he says that the Spirit inside you is better than even Jesus beside you?
3. Does the idea that God 'speaks' to people make you nervous? Have you ever experienced hearing his voice? How can we evaluate what is/is not his voice?
4. Read over the following points from J.D. Grear's book, *Jesus Continued*.
 - The Bible gives us promises. The Spirit compels us take risks.
 - The Bible outlines the mission. The Spirit executes the plan.
 - The Bible gives us the revelation. The Spirit, the explanation.
 - The Bible provides the content. The Spirit, the conviction to apply it.
 - The Bible invites us to hear. The Spirit helps us to listen.Is this your experience between how the Bible and the Holy Spirit work together in your life? Is there anything you could add to this list?
5. At the end of the sermon, we were given three questions to reflect on:
 1. Do you have God's Spirit living in you?
 2. Are you listening to what God's Spirit is telling you?
 3. Are you learning to discern what is God and what is not?

Discuss with the group your answers to these questions.