

## STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ In Bible times, a person's name was chosen to reflect their character. What do you learn about God from all the names given Him in the Bible, especially these in Isaiah? And then, when you pray, how can you use His names to call on Him for help or deliverance from trouble?
- ❖ Do you fully accept or struggle to comprehend that Christ was tempted in the same ways you are? What reassurance does it give you to know that as "fully man" He has a first-hand understanding of your struggles?
- ❖ What encouragement does it give you to know Jesus "lives forever to plead with God on your behalf?" To know that he not only died for you 2,000 years ago, but is living for you today?
- ❖ Scripture memorization is beneficial to help you in times of trouble or temptation, to provide direction & guidance, and give reassurance of God's love for you. Find verses that speak to your situation and commit them to memory. Here are three to help you get started.  
*Hebrews 13:5* For he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."  
*Psalms 46:1* God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.  
*1 Corinthians 10:13* No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.
- ❖ Read Psalm 40:1-5. What encouragement can you take from this passage? Do you find it easy or difficult to do as David did and wait on the Lord? Do you believe that God wants to do for you as He did for David. . .and that he CAN?



Review Isaiah 8:19-20. What is your family struggling with? What difficulties are your children facing? Have you, together, sought God's direction and solution? Make an agreement that you will lovingly remind one another to seek Him first. When you hear a family member ask, "What should I do about. . ." gently ask if you can pray together for God's help and direction.

**Bible Versions used:** **ESV**—English Standard Version; **GW**—God's Word;  
**NIV**—New International; **NKJV**—New King James Version; **NLT**—New Living Translation

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## "WONDERFUL COUNSELOR"

**Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)** *The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... 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 increase 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 8:19 (GW)** *People will say to you, "Ask for help from the mediums and the fortunetellers, who whisper and mutter." Shouldn't people ask their God for help instead? Why should they ask the dead to help the living?*

**Psalms 138:8 (NKJV)** *The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.*

### 1. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ to you.

**Hebrews 4:14-15 (NIV)** *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.*

**Hebrews 5:2 (NIV)** He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.

☛ **He's been \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)** Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**2. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ with you.**

**Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)** For he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

☛ **He is \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Mark 4:35-40 (NIV)** That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

**3. He's a \_\_\_\_\_ for you.**

**Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)** Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**Romans 8:34 (NLT)** Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

☛ **He can do \_\_\_\_\_!**

**Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."