

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ Read the Passage again from **Isaiah 9:6**. Why do you think He specifically gave us a “Mighty God”? What does this name tell us about the character of God?
- ❖ Are there areas in your life where you feel “powerless”? What verse(s) do you read when you have this feeling to draw strength from?
- ❖ God has the power to “strengthen”, “motivate”, and “encourage” you. What situations make you need to tap into **His power** to overcome feelings of weakness, lack of motivation, and discouragement?
- ❖ How did Jesus display that he as was the “Mighty God” that Isaiah prophesized. What specific story(s) do you enjoy rereading? Why?
- ❖ We won’t fully experience all of God’s power if we don’t tap into, and stay connected to Jesus. During the Christmas season, what pulls you away from staying connected to Jesus?
- ❖ As a group, discuss ways that you can stay plugged in to the “mighty power of God” this holiday season.
- ❖ Read **1 Samuel 17:41-51**. What did David know about God that allowed him to display such confidence in the face of despair? Look at vs. 47; how does the Lord deliver His people? Where does David put his trust? What giant is in your life right now that you need to trust God with?
- ❖ As a group or as a family, pray specifically for each other in this area. Pray for those who expressed they feel powerless and circumstances that make them feel weak, discouraged, and not motivated. Commit to praying this week for each one specifically as we continue moving deeper into this Christmas season.

UNTO US | A CHILD IS BORN

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Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) 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.

"MIGHTY GOD"

Hebrew word "**El Gibbor**". El=God Gibbor=Mighty

Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV) "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

"MIGHTY GOD" HAS THE POWER TO...

☛ **S** _____ me when I feel _____.

Psalm 6:2-3 (TLB) Pity me, O Lord, for I am weak. Heal me, for my body is sick, and I am upset and disturbed. My mind is filled with apprehension and with gloom. Oh, restore me soon.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

☛ **M** _____ me when I feel _____.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Bible Versions used: CEV—Contemporary English Version; GW—God’s Word; GN—Good News; NCV—New Century; NIV—New International; MSG—Message; TLB—Living Bible; NLT—New Living Translation; TEV—Today’s English Version
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☞ **E** _____ me when I feel _____.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Isaiah 40:28-29 (NIV) Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

TO TAP INTO GOD'S "MIGHTY POWER"...

1. I need to admit _____ without _____.

John 15:5 (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

2. I need to _____ to the power source, _____.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV) Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

3. I need to _____ to my power source, _____.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.