

**JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG
FOR THE KING****BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG FOR THE KING**

Romans 8:19; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Philippians 1:23; Psalm 119:20; 73:25; 42:2; 63:1; Isaiah 26:9; Revelation 19:16

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

BIG IDEAS

- We long for the King who is our deliverer.
- We long for the King who is both wisdom and might.
- We long for the King who is both eternal and peace.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 9:1-9

God promised a coming King to rescue His people. In Isaiah, we see a vision of this coming King who will rescue His people and make things right. Jesus followers look forward to the return of this King who will bring with Him new life forever.

ADVENT

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means “arrival” or “coming”. During Advent season God’s people remember and rejoice in Jesus’ first coming to save his people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for his return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the one true King!

BIG AIMS**Every student should know that:**

- Jesus is the one and only King.
- Jesus came and is coming again.
- We exist for Jesus.

**Every student should feel:**

- The longing within their soul for the King.
- A dissatisfaction within their soul for things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.

**Every student should strive to:**

- Spend time each week with their family talking about the King.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who came and is coming again.

**Every student should want to:**

- Trust the King in the everyday struggles of life.
- See and seek Jesus more than anything else this Christmas season.
- Tell others who are lost about the good news of the King.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it looks like to long for the King. We will pray for a heart that seeks eternal things and longs for King Jesus. We will practice telling others about King Jesus who came and is coming again.

JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG
FOR THE KING**Read and meditate on Isaiah 9:1-9 this week.**

- As you meditate on these verses, consider what it means to look forward to Jesus' second coming. Ponder what the people hearing Isaiah's prophecy might have thought about the coming King. How are your thoughts about the second coming of Jesus similar or different from what theirs might have been? What are some distractions you face that keep you from longing for Jesus' coming?

Ponder the attributes of the King found in Isaiah 9:6 and how they apply to the needs, questions, desires, etc. you are experiencing in life right now.

- Consider how you can talk about King Jesus with your family and friends this week. What are some things you'd like to learn more about concerning His second coming? How can you remind yourself of His birth and what it means to the world?

**Spend time praying every day this week for a better understanding of what the birth of Christ meant to the world.**

- Pray for a heart that is in awe that God sent His only Son to the world and pray for a longing for His return.
- Set aside a time to pray with your parent or small group leader this week. Pray for boldness to share with others what the birth of Jesus means to you.

**Choose a verse about Jesus' birth to memorize this week, such as Isaiah 9:6.**

- Write it down and take a screen shot of it to have in your phone. If you do not have a phone, use an index card and keep it with you this week. As you memorize the verse, think of some of the things you look forward to when Jesus returns and ushers in eternity.
- Discuss with your parent or small group leader the attributes of the King mentioned in Isaiah 9:6, such as "counselor, mighty God, and everlasting peace". Apply these to your prayer life this week. For example, "Jesus you are my King and the prince of peace. I am struggling with fear and anxiety in this specific way. Please be my peace and help me to rest in you."
- Share some of the things you can discuss with your friends about how Jesus is the true King His people long for.