

## WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

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## Introduction

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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1. What's some of the worst advice you've ever been given?
2. Recap the story of King Ahaz. What was the foolish path he led Judah down with his bad counsel? Read Isaiah 9:1-4. What good news does Isaiah prophesy, and how is it ultimately fulfilled?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6, 7 and note the four names that Isaiah assigns to the prophesied King.
4. What does the word wonder describe throughout the Old Testament? (Hint: Read Exodus 15:11; I Chronicles 16:11, 12; and Daniel 4:2, 3.) What are some of the wonders that Jesus performed during his earthly ministry? List as many as possible.
5. Why is it significant that Jesus--our Counselor--is capable of performing wonders? (In other words, what's the connection between the two halves of the name, Wonderful Counselor?)
6. In what area of your life do you currently need both Jesus' counsel and his wonder-working power? Explain.
7. What do we learn about God's wisdom in Isaiah 28:29, Romans 11:33 and I Corinthians 1:25? What do we learn about the prophesied King in Isaiah 11:2? How did Jesus display wisdom in his earthly life and ministry?
8. What does Jesus (God the Son) know about you, according to Psalm 139:1-4, 14-16? How would this knowledge make Jesus a good Counselor? What is something that you're especially glad Jesus knows about you?
9. The hymn-writer says: O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. Why do you think we so often fail to pray (other than "quickies") about our anxieties?
10. Read Philippians 4:6, 7. What does Paul instruct us to include in our prayers? Why would that make a difference in our praying? What does Paul promise will be the result of prayer-with-thanksgiving?
11. Read II Timothy 3:16, 17. What are some of the ways that Jesus counsels us as we spend time in Scripture? (Hint: Consider the "ing" words. What is meant by each?)
12. Read John 14:16 and I John 2:1. The previous edition of the NIV translated the word "advocate" (John 14:16) as "counselor". What does "advocate" add to the meaning of Jesus' role as Counselor? How did Jesus demonstrate this fuller meaning in the case of Peter?
13. In what way would you like Jesus to be your advocate today?