

Sermon Discussion Guide:

Jesus is the Fullness of God

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Scripture: **Isaiah 9:6-7**

Series: **Advent 2023**

OVERVIEW

Scientists often create medications for one purpose and then later discover the same drug may have efficacy for many other maladies. Our bodies are complex systems and through the practice of science, the many benefits of one treatment can sometimes unfold. In a similar but much more profound way, our initial, comfortable, and small view of Jesus Christ needs to be challenged. There is no limit to what can be known about Him and his efficacy for curing everything that ails us. **The fullness of God in Jesus fulfills the emptiness of humanity.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Luke 2:11, Luke 17:20-21, Romans 14:17, Isaiah 10:21, John 10:30, John 1:18, Colossians 2:9, 1 John 5:20, Deuteronomy 32:6, Malachi 2:10, Matthew 6:9, Ephesians 1:22, Ephesians 5:23, Ephesians 2:14-22, Colossians 1:15-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share something you've come to discover is much better than expected.
2. In what ways is the gift of Jesus Christ outrageous?
3. How does (or how can) the kingship of Jesus fulfill what you need today?
4. How does Jesus' omniscience, sovereignty, infinite love, and care for you make Him the most wonder-inspiring counselor you could ever have? Do you rely on Him in this way?
5. Does the problem of pain or God not acting as you believe He should cause you to doubt whether He is mighty? What is the bible's answer to this sense of disappointment?
6. How is Jesus as the Everlasting Father (Isaiah 9:6) both true and not in conflict with the doctrine of the Trinity? What comfort does this attribute of Jesus bring you today?
7. In what ways and how often do you feel alienation from God, inadequate, guilty, in fear of punishment, and/or anxious? Read Ephesians 2:13-22 together; then meditate on it, receive it, and thank God for His great gift of Jesus for you!