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The Wonderful Counselor is Joy
Isaiah 9:1-7

1. Do you observe Advent as part of your family's Christmas tradition? If so, what symbols and ceremonies do you observe? What are the most meaningful to you?
2. If you are a parent, how did you react when you found out a baby was on the way? What did you do to prepare? How much preparation do you typically do to prepare for Christmas? How much of it involves preparing your heart?
3. Joy is the happy response of a heart that has discovered it has received wonderful benefits. Describe the last time you experienced the kind of joy that made your heart race, brought tears to your eyes, or made your face beam for hours. How does the good news of Christmas produce a joyful response in you? What fresh discoveries are you making about your Wonderful Counselor?
4. Often our confusion and frustration in life is the result of not following the counsel that God has already revealed in His Word. What counsel has God already given in the following areas?
 - Marriage
 - Parenting
 - Money
 - Time
 - TemptationShould we expect more specific counsel if we are not embracing his basic counsel in these areas?
5. Do you spend too much time wondering about your problems and not enough time worshipping at the wonder of your Counselor? How does one affect the other?
6. What keeps you from coming to Jesus as your wonderful counselor?
 - I can't admit my need for counsel.
 - I have not cast my concern on Him.
 - I haven't acted on the counsel He has already given.
 - I don't treasure the Counselor more than the counsel.
 - I do not worship while I wait.