

Small Group Questions
Following the sermon on 29th November

The Prince who brings Peace
Isaiah 9:1-7

1. On a scale of 0-10, how ready are you for Christmas?! Have the recent regulations made things more simple or more complicated for you and your family?
2. The passage is a promise of light in darkness. For Isaiah's readers, what exactly was their darkness? What exactly is the light that the passage promises?
3. "For to us a child is born." The promise of a child is almost a surprise, after the great changes to the nation's fortunes described in verses 3-5. How can a child make a difference to a nation?! How does this help you to think of advent, the season of waiting in expectation?
4. We see this passage fulfilled ultimately in the coming of Jesus (Matthew 4:12-17). The 'four names' describe the character of our king and the characteristics of his rule. Which name resonates with you most at the moment?
5. What parts of this prophecy have already been fulfilled through the ministry of Jesus. What are we still waiting for? What part do we, the church, have to play?
6. This passage is all promise. There are no commands. This advent, what can you do to hear these promises afresh? And what can you do to cultivate an attitude within you of joyful, expectant waiting for their fulfilment?
7. In the light of this passage, how can you pray for your workplace, your family, our world?