

# CONVERSATION GUIDE

## LET'S TALK ABOUT JESUS AS A COUNSELOR

### HERE'S THE BIG IDEA

*Isaiah 9:6 describes Jesus in four ways: as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Around Christmas, we often look at Jesus as merely a baby in a manger. Christmas gives us the opportunity to not just appreciate the gift of Jesus on earth, but the companionship we have with him as God in human flesh. He is a Wonderful Counselor who is available to us and listens to us, guiding us when we need his wisdom.*

### CONVERSATION TIP | ANSWERING QUESTIONS

The whole purpose of asking the question is to create an environment where group members feel safe to share. It's not about getting the right answer. When people are silent with some of these questions, embrace the silence. If no one really speaks you could say something like, "Paul, you look like you were going to say something..."

### LET'S TALK

#### BREAK THE ICE

**Q: How do you prepare for Christmas?**

**Q: Who do you go to for advice?**

#### TELL ME THE TRUTH | ISAIAH 9:6

*Isaiah 9:6, "(6) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Whether you have believed in Jesus for 10 minutes or 10 years, you have the same access to his wisdom and guidance. There is no secret to hearing his voice, all you need is to be willing to listen.

**Q: What do you consider when giving and receiving advice? How do you know it is good advice?**

**Q: What does Isaiah 6:9 say is true about Jesus? Have you ever viewed Jesus as a counselor?**

**Q: How do you seek advice and wisdom from Jesus?**

**Q: Do you always take his advice? If not, what stops you from acting on it?**

#### GO DEEPER (OPTIONAL)

**Q: Where has Jesus given you advice that has gone unheard or unused?**

### DO SOMETHING

As we continue the holiday season, many students are getting ready to spend a few weeks out of school. For some, this means fewer meals or no meals on a regular basis. To learn how you can help those without access to basic food items, go to [knockouthunger.com](http://knockouthunger.com).

### RESOURCES

*"Christmas Together – Wise Counselor" 12Stone Church, Dec. 08, 2019 (Message)*

*"Prayer 101: How do I talk to God?" – Billy Graham Associates (Article)*

*"The Wisdom of God: Letting His Truth and Wisdom Direct Your Steps" – A.W. Tozer (Book)*