

1. What's one thing you remember hoping for when you were younger (especially around Christmas)? Did it happen, and how did you feel?
2. What's an area of life right now where you find it easy to have hope, and one area where hope feels harder?
3. Read **Isaiah 9:2-7**  
What do you notice about where hope begins? Isaiah speaks about a future event using past-tense language ("**a light has dawned**"). What does that teach us about the certainty of God's promises?  
  
Look at the four names: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Which title stands out to you most right now, and why?  
  
How does the New Testament show that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy (**Matthew 4:16; John 1:1,14; Romans 5:1**)?  
  
What does **verse 7** tell us about the future hope we have in Christ?  
How does knowing His kingdom has no end help us today?
4. Where have you been placing hope in something temporary (circumstances, people, success, financial stability, approval)? How has that impacted your emotional or spiritual life?
5. With these four titles of Jesus in mind, which one do you most need to cling to this week?
  - **Wonderful Counselor** – *wisdom, direction*
  - **Mighty God** – *strength in weakness*
  - **Everlasting Father** – *comfort, security, love*
  - **Prince of Peace** – *calm in anxiety or fear*
6. What would it look like to intentionally "re-anchor" your hope in Jesus this week? (Ex: starting your day with Scripture, praying when fear rises, surrendering control in a specific situation.)
7. Who in your life needs a reminder of hope right now? What's one practical way your group can encourage or bless them this week?

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# What the World Still Needs



## NEW TO NORTHAMPTON?

We're glad you're here! Take a moment to fill-out a **Connection Card** and let us know more about you! If you have children or teens, we have great, safe options for Children's & Student Ministry! Complete info can be found at: [www.NBchurchCF.org](http://www.NBchurchCF.org)!

### MESSAGE SERIES

#### TODAY'S MESSAGE

**What the World Still Needs**

*Hope in the Dark | Is. 9:2-7, Luke 1:26-38*

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**What the World Still Needs**

*Peace that Doesn't Make Sense / Luke 2:1-14*

### CLASSES & LIFE GROUPS

#### SUNDAYS

Young Adults Class  
Room 203

Ephesians  
Room 201 | 9:15am

WEDNESDAYS – 6:00PM  
NBStudents (Grades 6-12)  
Kidstown (Age 4-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### THURSDAYS

7:00PM  
Men s Bible Study

VARIOUS DAYS  
LIFE Groups  
Real-Life Discipleship

### NEXT STEPS

#### REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Begins Sunday, January 11  
Sign up in the Church Center App.

### WORSHIP ORDER

- WELCOME
- ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
- BAPTISM
- OFFERING
- AWAY IN A MANGER (FOREVER AMEN)
- PARTNERSHIP
- GREETING
- ADVENT READING
- O COME, O COME EMMANUEL
- MESSAGE
- JOY TO THE WORLD (JOYFUL, JOYFUL)
- SEND OFF AND PRAYER

### GET CONNECTED

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# UPCOMING AT NORTHAMPTON

## WELCOME!

We're glad you have decided to join us online or in-person! We want you to know that you are welcome here! Please take the time to fill out our online Connection Card and down-load the Church Center App to stay connected! Thanks for joining in!

## CHURCH CENTER APP

Interested in joining a team, a LIFE Group or signing up for an event? Download the **Church Center App** (from your app store), choose **Northampton** as your church, and you are all set!

## SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER – 8:30

If you would like to take part in praying for Sunday mornings and each other, join us in the Café.

## PRAYER CHAIN

- Please contact Marcia Peters at [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org) if interested in joining Northampton's prayer chain. If you have prayer request needs, please email them to [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org) or if you don't email, [www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/](http://www.nbchurchcf.org/prayer/).

## CARE MINISTRY

If you, or someone you know, has a need for prayer, meals, visitation, or other assistance, please fill out a request card located at the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket or email your request to [care@nbchurchcf.org](mailto:care@nbchurchcf.org).

## NOISE-CANCELING HEADPHONES

Available at the Children's Check-In Desk for anyone desiring to use them during service for sensory reasons.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is looking for:

\*A volunteer to teach the 9:30 Sunday School class on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

\*A volunteer in the Baby Room the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

Please see Kellie Sturm if interested.

## YOUNG ADULT LIFE GROUP

Meets every Sunday at Northampton (lower level) following the morning service. Join in the Church Center app for questions, updates, events, and more!

## TODAY, after the worship service!

### *Christmas Church Decorating*

All are invited to help decorate the church for Christmas!

## LADIES CHRISTMAS GATHERING

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:00PM

**Today** is the deadline to purchase your tickets in the foyer at **\$15 each!**

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on the **first**

**Saturday of the month is canceled for**

**December.** It will resume January 3, 9:00-10:00am, in the Café. Questions? see Cindy Worrone or Danielle Cordes.

## REAL-LIFE DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

The next class will begin **Sunday, January 11 from 9:00-10:30am** (and run for 11 weeks). For more information or to register, check out our website or the Church Center App!

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday, December 13, 8:00.**

Please sign up at the Connection Wall in the foyer.

# MESSAGE NOTES

Pastor Joe Pryor

**Big idea:** What the world still needs is true hope that is confident assurance, rooted in God's promises, fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

## Isaiah 9

### Jesus is the Light who brings hope...

1. For people in \_\_\_\_\_

The titles of Jesus give us insight into the hope he brings:

a. Wonderful \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ God

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Father

d. Prince of \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope has a name: Jesus. And He is the Light who brings hope in our darkness. What is your next step in finding hope in Jesus?**