

**LITTLE STUFF--BIG STUFF & HOW TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE**

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***King Jesus will father you from darkness to life.***

**ONE: Walk away from God and blindness leads you on fruitless paths. *Isaiah 8.8-22***

**TWO: The big stuff is all in God's Son who'll father you from darkness to life. *Isaiah 9.1-7***

**Interact with Isaiah 8.11-9.7 with these thoughts/questions:**

1. In 8.11-22 Isaiah is calling on believers to trust in God's promises, his Word. What do they fear instead of trusting God? What alternate reasons might they be discerning for their political-military predicament? From what voices are they trying to hear instead of God's?
2. How can you apply question one to believers (regarding the state of the churches & regarding how safe believers feel in our world)?
3. God promises darkness and blindness to those in Judah/Israel who do not lean on him and his promises. In what areas of your life (and others close to you) have you seen this promise of God true?
4. In Isaiah 9.1-7 God promises that in the very portions of the land first taken by Assyria (Zebulan & Naphtali: in the Galilean, northern regions) will his light shine. How does Jesus' ministry fulfill this?
5. The titles given God's Son speak of what he will do through his Son, the coming Warrior King. In what ways is Christ Jesus God's Wonderful counselor (re: working out the salvation of his people, including you), Mighty God (powerful), Everlasting Father (providing and protecting as a king his people) & Prince of Peace (how does he bring peace among and through his people)?