

## Lifegroup Notes

# “All I want for Christmas is...” Week 1 – Wonderful Counsellor Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November

**Welcome** - As everyone starts preparing for Christmas what's the best part and worst part about Christmas for you and why?

**Word** - We are looking at advent and the season of preparation and expectation.  
Read the verses out that we are focusing on for the next 4 weeks...

### Isaiah 9 v. 6-7

These were written around 700 years before the birth of Jesus.

- In Jewish culture your name expresses your characteristics, what inspires you about the names of the Messiah mentioned here?
- The first name is 'wonderful counsellor' what immediately comes to your mind when you hear that phrase?

Look at the reasons why Jesus is such a wonderful counsellor...

#### 1. He gets you - read Heb. 4 v. 14-16

- What do these verses actually say?
- What is the meaning of these verses for us?
- How can we apply these verses to our lives?

#### 2. He knows it all - read Eph.1 v.15-17

- What is the difference between wisdom and knowledge?
- What examples do we see of a lack of wisdom in our world and in our lives?
- How can we ensure we build our lives on the wisdom of God, not of man?

#### 3. He gives Himself - read John 14 v. 16-18

- Why are these verses so powerful?
- In what ways have you experienced the wonderful counsellor coming alongside you?

### **Prayer section:**

As we look forward to Christmas and the wonder of Jesus' birth, let's pause and pray for each other that we would know His incomprehensible power in us. Pray for our church and our community that He would be allowed to demonstrate His wonderfulness in and through us this Christmas time. Jesus is our wise counsel. Let's pray for the staff and leaders of Lifecentral Church that in the busyness of Church life they would know Jesus as their Wonderful Counsellor. If there are people today who need to know Jesus as their Counsellor let's pray for each other and commit to pray for each other this week.