

Advent '18.

Week #2: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God

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This fall we have spent considerable time reviewing and understanding the 10 Commandments - God's Covenant with His Jewish people, as they left Egypt with Moses and prepared to receive their promise of a new land. This Mosaic Covenant underpinned the Jewish nation for centuries ... and still does today. But as they struggled - and failed - to keep their part of the Covenant, God promised something new and wonderful. Something that would forever change His world, and finally draw all people to Himself.

Our journey into Advent this year will recount this journey and the lessons it provides us. About God. About ourselves. About our world. About Jesus and our need for a Savior.

Study Questions: *Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God*

1. Reflect a moment on God's promise that the Messiah would be *Wonderful* ... astonishing, miraculous, too good to be true.
 - Do you still wake up each morning and reflect that Jesus is simply too good to be true? How does "wonderful" still describe Christ for you after perhaps many years with Him?
 - In our present day and age, where do you see the astonishing, miraculous Messiah at work?
2. Ken reminded us that *Counselor* is associated with three roles: *Advocate, Mediator & Guide*.
 - Where does your story of the Messiah's miraculous work both *in* you and *for* you intersect with all three of these vital roles?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. As Christ's followers we, too, become *guides* to the world, calling others to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.
 - How are you living into this responsibility? What do you desire to learn & receive from God in order to be an effective guide for those around you?
4. Read John 14:15-27. Christ, our Counselor, has provided us an additional Counselor - the Holy Spirit - Who "*will teach you all things and will remind you of everything that I have said to you*".
 - What truths is the Holy Spirit teaching you? What encouragement is He providing?
5. The Messiah is also the *Mighty God* - the Champion that cannot be defeated or vanquished.
 - Where has Jesus vanquished your life and your struggles? How has His supernatural power unchained and healed you?
6. Ken finished his message in Revelation 5, where the Lion of the Tribe of Judah is proclaimed as the One worthy to open the scroll and set in motion God's final restoration of this world.
 - Are you ready for the scroll to be opened? What work remains in your life that perhaps you are not letting the Lion attend to?
 - Who do you love that has not yet bowed their knee and given their life and allegiance to Jesus Christ, the Lion of Judah? Will you renew your commitment to pray for these people, asking God to do whatever is necessary to bring them to a Jesus?
 - Close in prayer, being reminded of how wonderful and how powerful Jesus is.