# Sunday 3rd December – Connect Group Notes

## Mighty God - Hope

Isaiah 9:2-7

Do you find it easy or difficult to write a Christmas ‘wish list?’

What’s on your wish list this Christmas?

What do you think people would ask for if there were no limits in money or power? If anything was possible – what would you ask for?

The theme through this advent is that Jesus came as Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and so can uniquely deliver what we really want and need – Hope, Peace, Purpose and Confidence. In what ways do we see people looking for these things?

Read Isaiah 9:2-7

Pick out the different images used to describe the joy for those who had been walking in darkness.

What are the different ways that this passage means good news to them?

How might those who first heard these words have interpreted them? (Probably the birth of a royal prince)

How are these words fulfilled in Jesus’ birth?

How do these words point us towards the second coming of Jesus?

This Sunday we focused on Jesus as ‘Mighty God’, we looked at Luke 8 for stories that show us something of Jesus revealing Mighty God on earth. What stories of Jesus show you that he is Mighty God? Do those stories show Jesus’ power over a particular area or in a particular way? (e.g. over nature)

How does recognising Jesus as Mighty God give you hope for the future?

How does recognising Jesus as Mighty God give you hope in the present?

What about the hope found in Jesus could you share with others this week?

A couple of reminders:

* Copies of the book ‘The Ultimate Christmas Wishlist’ by Rico Tice are available in the foyer if you want to read along with the series, and give the book away to someone who doesn’t yet know Jesus in this way.
* There are special cards for inviting people to the Carol Service also available in the foyer.