

READ

Isaiah 9:1-7

CONSIDER

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given ... he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The words of Isaiah 9:1-7 speak of the hope of the coming Messiah yet when we look at the context, it was written at a time when Israel was experiencing distress, darkness and gloom. As we approach Scripture this Sunday, I hope we will see that even in the midst of our darkness and gloom, God is reaching out to us. The Prince of Peace, who is our peace, meets us in our moment of despair and can guide us back to Himself.

Looking forward to see you Sunday.
Pastor Tim Sreedharan

PRAY

Our Father in heaven. Help us to not be anxious but through prayer and thanksgiving, continually come to you. When we are experiencing darkness and gloom, we ask that the peace of God, that transcends all logic, will cover our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Thank you for reaching out to us in our distress. Amen.

(prayer adapted from Phil 4:6-7)

DIVING DEEPER

How has God been reaching out to you in your distress, darkness and gloom?

How have the stories and testimonies of others carried you through seasons of distress?

Why is it important for God's people to encourage one another through the testimonies found in Scripture and from our lives?