

[SERMON NOTES]

(un)expected waiting – Isaiah 9:1-7

[QUICK REVIEW]

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

[MY STORY]

One of the hardest things in life is to wait for something you desperately *want*. ***What is the longest time you have ever had to wait for something you wanted really badly?***

[DIGGING DEEPER]

We began our journey toward Christmas this week as we jumped into our series *(un)expected*, a 5-week journey through expectation and longing and the waiting in between. We looked at the story of God's people and saw a picture of expectation through the words of the prophet Isaiah. Re-read the passage from the message this week:

Isaiah 9

What was Isaiah's, and therefore Israel's hope and expectation for the ruler to come? Engage these few verses on waiting from the heart of Romans below for further study.

Read **Romans 8:22-25** (in several different translations if you have time). **Rewrite the passage in your own words.**

What are some things these verses teach us about God (Trinity)? (i.e. His plan for people, His attributes, His purposes for creation, etc.)

What are some things these verses teach us about people?

If you were to pull one thing from this passage to apply to your life to better follow Jesus as a disciple, what would it be?

[WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (*1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17*). Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

Isaiah 9

Micah 5

Romans 8

Isaiah 7

Hebrews 11