

**[SERMON NOTES]**

*(un)expected waiting* – Isaiah 9:1-7

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**[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?

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**[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?***

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**[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**