



Wonderful Counselor

Warm-up

What do you think is important to consider when picking out a baby's name? What would be your criteria when considering a name (family, awkwardness, unusual)?

The Word

In the series His Name Will Be Exalted, we will be looking at four names of Jesus as given in the Bible in Isaiah 9:6 – *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

The name Wonderful Counselor come from two Hebrew words, Pele Yo'ez. Pele means beyond understanding. It means to wonderful for words. Yo'ez means to advise or to consult or to guide.

Read Hebrews 4:15-16

- What does these verses say about Jesus' understanding of what we are going through? Why is this important in His role as Wonderful Counselor?

He understands your pain, He understands your hurt. He has experienced life just as you have.

Read Luke 5:31-32

From these verses, who did Jesus come for? In what area of your life are you "sick?" (Be honest. What is your deepest struggle, fear or hurt?)

We're all sick at different points in our life. The good news is that Jesus is the wonderful counselor who came for those who are sick.

How we find healing with the Wonderful Counselor

Read John 4:7-18

- Why was it important that the woman responded to Jesus with the truth about her relationships? What could have been the outcome if she had not been honest?

We need to be brutally honest with the Wonderful Counselor.

Read Mark 9:7; John 10:27

- What did God say about Jesus? Why is it important that we listen to the Counselor's voice? Describe how God may have spoken to you in the past.

We need to assure ourselves that we are listening to the Counselor's voice. To listen to what Jesus will say to us.

Read Mark 10:17-22

- What do you do when Jesus tells you something that you need to hear that you don't want to hear?
- So many people don't do what their doctors or counselors suggest. What is Jesus, the Wonderful Counselor, leading you to do? Be specific.

Maybe some have a lack of faith because they're not doing what He's told you to do. He is the Wonderful Counselor who desires that you fulfill all that you have been created to do.

Prayer

Pray that God will stir within you a heart of desire to seek the Wonderful Counselor, Jesus, with honesty, a willingness to hear what He has to say, and then follow through on what He says to do.

40 Days of Relationships Prayer Focus

Please be in prayer for the upcoming 40 Days of Relationships series. Specifically pray:

- For God's wisdom and direction for the impact of the series.
- That God will raise up the leaders to facilitate the small groups.
- That God would begin drawing the people to the small groups from throughout the community.