

The Ever-Increasing Kingdom of Christ

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN: PART IV

Sermon Questions

1. What is one of the prominent themes in Scripture from beginning to end? _____
2. What do you think about the nature of Christ's kingdom? (circle one)
 - i. It is future and will take place during Christ's millennial reign.
 - ii. It is present as he rules spiritually over his church.
 - iii. It is present where the gospel bears fruit and is coming or fully realized when Christ returns.
3. List the seven truths in Isaiah 9:6–7 about Christ's kingdom that should move us to faith, comfort, peace, joy, and delight in God:
 - i. Jesus will carry the heavy _____ of governing.
 - ii. Jesus' kingdom will continually _____.
 - iii. As Jesus' kingdom increases, _____ follows.
 - iv. Jesus is the promised _____ to the throne.
 - v. Jesus will both _____ and uphold his kingdom.
 - vi. Jesus' kingdom and our _____ will never end.
 - vii. The Lord himself guarantees _____.
4. How should we respond to such wonderful news about Jesus' reign?
Increased faith love joy comfort serve worship trust rest

Discussion Questions

1. The sermon describes Christ's kingdom as "already but not yet." In what ways have you personally experienced the "already" of the kingdom (e.g., forgiveness, peace, transformation), and where do you most long for the "not yet" to become reality in your life or in the world?
2. Isaiah 9:6 says, "the government shall be upon his shoulder." When you feel overwhelmed by responsibilities—at home, work, church, or elsewhere—how does knowing that Jesus willingly carries the ultimate burden of governing encourage or challenge you to respond differently?
3. The passage teaches that Christ's kingdom grows steadily and will never stop increasing. Where do you see evidence of the kingdom advancing today (locally or globally), and how does this truth give you hope when the world feels dark or chaotic?
4. The text ends with the promise that "the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this"—the kingdom's success depends entirely on God's passion, not human effort. How does this free you from anxiety or self-reliance as you step into a new year, and what specific step of trust or obedience is God calling you to take in light of this guarantee?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

Discussion Questions for Children

1. Jesus is a King who carries the whole world on His shoulders without ever getting tired or complaining. When things feel too heavy for you—like schoolwork, chores, or a tough day—how does it make you feel knowing Jesus is strong enough to carry you and all your worries too?
2. Jesus promises that one day his kingdom will be full of peace with no more fighting, sadness, or bad things. What's one thing you're really excited to see when Jesus makes everything perfect, and how can we pray "Your kingdom come" about that right now?