

# THE GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS

## LESSON 3 // THE GIFT OF HELP

**Big Idea:** Christmas is all about God's great gift to us—Jesus. To “unpack” this gift, the prophet Isaiah uses four titles that describe what Christ brings into our lives when we receive Him.

Isaiah declares that Jesus is the “Mighty God” who helps us by His miraculous power. He is mighty to heal us physically, emotionally, spiritually, in our relationships and eternally. Jesus is also mighty to deliver us from sin, darkness, torment and destruction. He is the Mighty Life-giver, who gives new life to our dead-end roads and dead emotions, hopes and dreams. And when we come to the time of our physical death, we have the assurance that our Mighty God gives us resurrection life.

**Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*

### Discussion Questions:

This weekend we learned about the depths of Jesus being our Mighty God and how this translates into our healing, relationships, and so much more. What part of the message spoke to you the most and why?

**Read Revelation 21:1-4.** Thinking about eternity, what physical, spiritual, or relational healing are you looking forward to most and why? Is there anything you can do to promote healing on this side of eternity?

Lots of things can cause us to wander from God— sin, sickness, stress, hopelessness, etc. What is something that causes you to wander? How so?

**Read Colossians 1:13-14.** What things draw you back to God?

What are some ways you've encountered God's presence in the past? What can you do to discover God's provision, help, and healing during this time in your life?

### Prayer Focus:

*God, thank You for being our Mighty God that brings life to us. We pray your hope, life, and healing would be so evident in us this season. In Jesus' name, amen.*