



### **Monday: Isaiah 9:1-7**

1. Isaiah 9:1-7 records the prophecy God gave to Isaiah about Israel's coming Messiah. Zebulun and Naphtali are two of the twelve tribes of Israel whose tribal lands were in Northern Israel, near the Sea of Galilee. Their past was one of disaster because of Assyrian conquest and captivity (See 2 Kings 15:29). What is the promise God gives in vs. 1?
2. In vs. 2, what is the reality of the people's condition, and what does the gospel of John say about "the light"? (See John 1:1-5, 9-10; 8:12)
3. What does the prophecy say the Messiah will be like and what does he accomplish?
4. Missionary of the week: Pray for Orange County Rescue Mission as they meet physical needs and share Christ in our community.

### **Tuesday: Luke 1:26-56**

1. What does the angel Gabriel tell Mary about the son she will bear?
2. What does Elizabeth acknowledge about Mary's unborn son Jesus?
3. What does Mary praise God for? Which of the praises for the Lord do you most relate to and why?
4. Pray for the people in your Oikos or "5 for 5".

### **Wednesday: Luke 2:1-21**

1. From yesterday and today of Luke's account of Jesus birth, who is Jesus a descendant of? Why is this important? (See Gen. 49:9-10; 2 Sam. 7:16-17; Ps. 2:7-12; Dan. 7:13-14; Rev. 19:11-16)
2. What are the three titles the angel gives about who Jesus is?

3. How did the shepherds respond to the news given to them?
4. Pray for people where they work and live that they would honor God in all they do.

#### **Thursday: Matt. 1:18-2:12**

1. The name Jesus means “Yahweh saves.” Jesus also fulfills the prophecy of Isa. 7:14 and is called Immanuel. What do these names of Christ communicate to us? (See also John 1:14)
2. The Luke account of the birth of Jesus shows a supernatural appearing of angels to lowly, likely Jewish shepherds. Here Matthew records pagan Gentile magicians, guided supernaturally to Jesus. What lessons can you draw from these observations?
3. What was the response of the shepherds in Luke and the response of the magi to the coming of the Messiah?
4. Pray for government leaders both locally and globally.

#### **Friday: Matt. 2:13-23**

1. In John 10:17-18 Jesus says no one takes his life, but he lays it down of his own authority. How is what Jesus said as an adult proven to be true from his earliest years on earth?
2. How is it shown that Jesus is rejected by his people from birth? (See also John 1:9-11; Isai. 53:1-3)
3. What does this section teach you about the prophetic word of God and human events?
4. Pray for family and friends.

#### **Saturday and Sunday**

Review what you read this week. Pray for those serving Christ faithfully and pray for the services on Sunday. Pray the prayer of Ephesians 6:18-19.

