Hope On The Horizon
week 3
"Light Is Reaching For You"
I. Clearly, The $\qquad$ will deliver us!
II. Mysteriously, God's deliverance is connected to a $\qquad$ ...
III. ...Who is called $\qquad$

## SMALL TALK

1. When were you in need of, or grateful for, a flashlight?
2. When have you gotten up early to greet the sunrise?
3. What "dawn of a new day" are you anticipating on this year's calendar?

## VIEWPOINT

4. READ Isaiah 8:19-21. Who will NOT "have the light of dawn" and why? Who will and why?
5. READ Isaiah 9:1-7. What suddenly changes the distressing darkness of Isaiah 8, removing its gloom? What surprising place will be honored by the "great light" described?
6. To what do we owe the rejoicing and hope described? (9:6)
7. What is mysterious about the grand figure of Isaiah 9:6-7? List each of the phrases describing him, then explain the mystery? (Hint: The New Testament affirms that this describes Jesus).

## GETTING PERSONAL

8. How does a closer look at Jesus help you?
9. The song goes, "Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright", does that describe your experience this season? Or is it not calm, not bright, and God seems silent? How can we pray for you?

## PRACTICE!

a. What are you grateful for?
b. What is something God has been showing you this week (in His Word or some other way)?
c. About the people you are interacting with who do not yet follow Jesus, how can we join you in prayer?
d. What is keeping you from having a better answer to questions a c?

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