Grace Group Discussion Questions

Title: His Name Shall Be Called: Mighty God
Text: Isaiah 9:6-7 and Various Passages
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Grace Group Questions for this Sunday's sermon:

1) What do you tend to think about when you hear/read Isaiah 9:6-7?

2) As you think about the whole narrative of the Old Testament do you think of it primarily as separate, disjointed events, each relatively unrelated to the whole? Or can you see the overarching thread of redemption that is woven throughout? Spend a moment and discuss this thread. In other words can you see the Gospel in the Old Testament?

3) Where in your life have you pulled an Ahaz? In other words in what ways are you placing trust in other 'kings' for your deliverance other than the strong arm of the Lord? Think in terms of your finances, social relationships, desires, cravings. To whom or what do you turn to for escape? A sense of safety? Or assurance that things will turn out okay?

4) The people in Jesus day were always amazed by Him. What has He done or is doing in your life where you find yourself amazed by Him?

5) How does the description of Jesus in Revelation 19:11ff strike you?

6) Can you embrace a God who is not safe but good?

7) What does that truth (that God is not necessarily safe but good) mean to our lives in terms of our growth in holiness and practical sanctification?