

Above All Names | Week 2 - Who is the Mighty God?

Big Idea

As Mighty God, Jesus empowers us to live a life of courage.

Scripture

Matthew 1:22-23, Ephesians 1:18-21, Colossians 1:9-12, and Ephesians 3:20-21

Overview

Each week of our Christmas series, Above All Names, we will consider the names given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6, what it tells us about who Jesus is, and how that particular name can bring tremendous significance to our lives.

Opening Questions

1. What wonder did Jesus open your eyes and heart to this week?
2. Share your favorite scene from your favorite Christmas movie.

Bible Discussion

1. Read Matthew 1:22-23. What prophet spoke these words? How does this prophecy, predicted 700 years prior, impact your faith? What do the words “God with us” evoke?
2. Ephesians 1:18-21 is a powerful passage. Read it slowly together. What stands out to you? What is the key to having Christ’s resurrection power in our lives? (See verse 19.)
3. Read Colossians 1:9-12, focusing on verse 11. How does the Apostle Paul’s prayer encourage you? How does it inspire you?
4. Read Paul’s marvelous doxology, or prayer of praise to God, in Ephesians 3:20-21. How are power and glory related? What are the two places where God will reveal His glory (Ephesians 3:21)?

Life Application

5. Have you ever considered the term “Mighty God”? “Mighty” is a translation of the Hebrew word “gibbor,” which is defined as “strength, power, and courage.” How does that truth empower you today?
6. In Ephesians 1:18-21, Paul prays that the Ephesians would know the hope to which God called them. Do you know this hope? Why or why not? In a world without hope, how can you share that there is hope in Jesus and his power of resurrection?
7. Where do you need to be “strengthened with all power” today?
8. Share an experience where you’ve witnessed or experienced God’s power surpassing human expectations, as referred to in Ephesians 3:20-21. Or perhaps you’re feeling God calling you to partner with Him and tap into His power in some specific way? Give thanks and glory to God for this, and also spend time in prayer asking for strength, guidance, and power where needed.