

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

Points to Keep In Mind

1. Writing about 700 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah describes our coming King in Isaiah 9:6. The Hebrew phrase that we translate to “mighty God” is “el gibbor,” and it could also be translated as “God is a mighty warrior.” The name refers to someone with exceptional strength, courage, and power. But this title doesn’t just speak to Jesus’ power; it also speaks to his identity. Jesus is God. The belief that “Jesus is God” is not something people fabricated over the centuries. As he grew up and became a man, Jesus himself claimed to be God. His Jewish countrymen were ready to kill him when he publicly declared, “I and the Father are one.” (John 10:30). Jesus accepted worship as God in John 20:28 when his disciple Thomas declared, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus praised Thomas for his belief. And Jesus claimed to be able to do things that only God can do, like forgive sins. (Mark 2:5)
2. The prophet Isaiah predicted Jesus would be called Immanuel, “God with us,” in Isaiah 7:14. Isaiah said this 700 years before Jesus was born. Jesus wasn’t simply born at Christmas; he is the eternal God who came into the world. The baby lying in the manger in Matthew 1:23 is not just a cute newborn; he is Immanuel, “God with us.” He is our Mighty God.
3. The hope we have is not a vague feeling, but it is complete assurance that Jesus is above all authority in this world and that he will have the final victory. This full assurance comes to us through the Holy Spirit, who works in us when we believe in Jesus, who was raised from the dead and is now seated at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms. Other passages on hope include Ephesians 4:4, 1 Thessalonians 1:3, and Colossians 1:5.
4. According to Ephesians 3:21, the glory of God will be revealed in the church and throughout all generations. There is so much power in glorifying God as we partner with Him to do immeasurably more than we can even ask or imagine!

Additional Questions and Resources

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? communitychristian.org/baptism
4. What have you been learning from the Community Daily? communitychristian.org/daily
5. If someone is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: communitychristian.org/mentalhealth/
6. Find out more about having a YOU+ Discipleship Conversation by visiting: youplus.info