

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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MIGHTY GOD

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. – Isaiah 9:6

Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in our *Hope Is Here* series, focusing on Jesus' name, Mighty God. Quoting from Scripture, as well as theologians and pastors, he explained Jesus is so Mighty, our finite minds cannot comprehend the infinite nature of God. If we think we have a complete understanding, we are simply bringing God down to a level of peer, instead of seeing him as he really is. Marty went on to speak about what we celebrate this season—the birth of Jesus, and the way he made his entrance.

He came in poverty not wealth.

He came in simplicity not complexity.

He came in humility not entitlement.

Jesus came as a baby. He gave up his position in heaven with the Father, came to earth as a helpless baby, was born in a stable to parents who were commoners, and while an angel did announce his birth, it was to shepherds, not kings and rulers. To experience the mightiness of Jesus is to have faith. To know him fully, in all his glory, will be revealed to us when we are in the presence of God in heaven.

SCRIPTURE:

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." – Isaiah 55:8-9

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. – Colossians 1:15-20

Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” – Philippians 2:6-11

“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see... And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” – Hebrews 11:1, 6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from Marty's message?
2. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 and Colossians 1:15-20. How do these passages capture the mightiness of Jesus?
3. Read Philippians 2:6-11. What was the cost of humility to Jesus?
4. Read Hebrews 11:1, 6. What are ways to sincerely seek the Lord? What rewards do you receive in this pursuit?
5. How would you describe a Mighty God? Has your image of Jesus' mightiness changed? How so?
6. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Ask God to stretch your understanding of Jesus to the limits as you pursue him. Pray that each day you will grasp more and more the rewards of your faith, growing stronger in your dependence on him. Ask God to remind you of his might, enveloped in humility, grace, forgiveness, and holiness.