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Sermon Notes for November 27, 2022

“Trusting the Government”

Sermon Text: Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (see below); **New Testament Text:** 1 Timothy 6:11-16; **Gospel Text:** Luke 17:20-21 (see below)

*Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 (NIV): Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—² The people walking in darkness have seen **a great light**; on those living in the land of deep darkness **a light** has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

Luke 17:20-21: Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Read the two scriptures above while listening to the sermon, then, answer the questions below.

1. About how many years before Jesus's birth did Isaiah write this prophecy?
Why had there been so much gloom and distress in Zebulun and Naphtali for so many years?

Who had the Lord used to humble the people of this region?

2. Thinking of the maps that were displayed during the sermon, how did Jesus fulfill this prophecy? (Hint: Think of the three cities Pr. Dave mentioned and tell how Jesus made Himself known in each city.)
3. Read **John 8:12 (p.1137)**. How does that passage make **Isaiah 9:2** “come alive?” (Hint: Consider the highlighted portions of v.2. and tell how Jesus fulfills them.)

4. Does the passage *For to us a child is born* refer to Christ's humanity or divinity?

Does the passage *to us a son is given* refer to Christ's humanity or divinity?

How can understanding Christ's humanity help us to know Him better and trust Him more?

Why is it vital that we remember His divinity as well?

5. What does it mean when it says, *and the government will be on His shoulders*?

How do we become citizens of His government?

When will His government become the only government?

6. List the four names given for the Messiah in **Isaiah 9:6** and give a brief explanation of each.

7. Read **Isaiah 9:7** above, then, tell me in your own words what that verse means and how Jesus fulfilled it.

8. What will you remember most from this sermon.