



## Resources for the Unto Us Series – Isaiah 9:6 – Advent season 2017

**Resource books:** (*copies can be found in the pastor's office if you wish to read one*)

- "3:16 – The Numbers of Hope" – by Max Lucado
- "Created to Be God's Friend" – by Henry T. Blackaby
- "The Glory of Christmas" by Charles Swindoll, Max Lucado, and Charles Colson
- "Piper's Night Before Christmas" – by Mark Lowry and Martha Bolton
- "Alabaster's Song – Christmas Through the Eyes of an Angel" – by Max Lucado
- "The Crippled Lamb" – by Max Lucado

### Reading Guide

**Week 1** – Read Isaiah 6, 7, 9, 40, 41, 49, 53 – a chapter a day and reflect on the message to us. Also, notice what this is saying about Jesus when He comes.

**Week 2** – Read the Christmas story – Read Matthew 1 and 2 and note how Matthew, a Jew writing to Jews, writes the story from the male perspective and relates the prophecies. Read Luke 1 and 2 and note how Luke, a non-Jew is writing to the common people, emphasizes the female perspective and the poverty of Jesus. Read John 1 and how he emphasizes the cosmic dimension of Jesus coming to earth. If you get through this before the week is out, reread these passages.

**Week 3** – **Day one** read the parable of the wicked tenants – Luke 20:9-18 – and see how much God loves us that He keeps reaching out to us, even sending His son. **Day two** read John 3 and see how much God loves us. **Day three** read John 4 and see how we are to love others, even the outcast. **Day four** read Luke 15 and see how much God loves us. **Day five** read Luke 4 and see how Jesus came to fulfill prophecy. **Day six** read Matthew 3 and see how Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. **Day seven** reread Isaiah 9 and see how Jesus fulfilled this in what we read this week.

**Week 4** – **Day one** read Matthew 27 and see how Jesus in His death was called the king and was recognized by the soldiers at the cross to be the Son of God. **Day two** read Matthew 28 and see how Jesus proved He is the Son of God. **Day three** read 1 Corinthians 15 and see the gospel message and how the resurrection proved who Jesus is. **Day four** read Revelation 21 and see how Jesus is the still the ruler of all. **Days five - seven** reread the Christmas story in Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2.