WHO IS THIS KID?

FOUR THINGS HE WILL BE KNOWN AS Isaiah 9:6

Wonderful Counselor = WISDOM John 10:11 & Psalm 23:1-3 Proverbs 3:5-6 John 14:6

Mighty God = **POWER** John 2:1-11 Matthew 4:23-24 Mathew 8:23-27 John 11:38-43

Everlasting Father = **DEITY** John 10:30-33 & 8:58-59 Revelation 1:17-18 1 Peter 1:10-12

Prince of Peace = **SALVATION** Romans 5:8-10 John 14:27 & 16:23 Philippians 4:6-7

ARE THESE HOLIDAY CLICHÉS OR A REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE? 2 Peter 1:1-11

It all starts with **FAITH** Hebrews 11:1

Add **GOODNESS**

Add KNOWLEDGE Romans 12:2 2 Peter 1:3-4

Add SELF-CONTROL John 13:17

Add **PERSEVERANCE**

Add **GODLINESS** 2 Peter 1:4 2 Corinthians 3:18 Luke 6:40

Add BROTHERLY LOVE

Add SACRIFICIAL LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Now take it to the **NEXT LEVEL** 2 Peter 1:8-10 Philippians 3:10-14

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Food for Thought For the week of December 18, 2016 (Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Often times it can be frustrating when our relationship with God isn't where we want it to be or where we feel it should be. Yet it's important to remember spiritual growth doesn't happen overnight; it's a process. How might the following verses encourage someone who's frustrated with their spiritual growth process?

John 16:33 Galatians 6:9

1 Peter 2:1-3

Psalm 120:1

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

2. Larry mentioned our faith is often a progression with one step building upon another. From time to time, it can be good to take a hard look at these steps in our life and ask ourselves how we're doing. As you go through the progressions in the verses below, rate yourself on each step from 1-5, with 5 being "I'm doing great" and 1 being "I need a lot of work."

Romans 5:1-5 James 1: 2-4 2 Peter 1:5-8

Which rating stood out most to you and why?

3. We heard this weekend, it's important to "add to" and "increase" godly qualities in our life. As simple as that sounds, it can be easy to forget as life gets busy. What one or two things, if increased or added to your daily routine, might have the most impact on your relationship with God?