



## Introduction

All I want for Christmas is? Because of our familiarity with the story and our annual celebrations, sometimes we can forget that what we really want, what we really need – is everything Jesus is. May all you want this year be all Jesus is.

## Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of something that when you were younger you really wanted for Christmas? Did you get it? Was it all you hoped it would be?
2. How familiar are you with the idea of Advent? How can it be helpful to “prepare” for Christmas?
3. Read Isaiah 9:6 According to this prophecy there are 4 titles or characteristics that the future Messiah will have. Of the four listed, which one is the most difficult to reconcile with Jesus for you?
4. When we talk about the term Wonderful Counselor, how is that term possibly changed in our culture? What parts of it may be the same?
5. Read Hebrews 4:15 A good trait for a counselor is empathy-understanding what you are going through. How does this demonstrate that Jesus understands what you are facing? What do you think about the idea of God “understanding” you?
6. Read John 14:6 What does it mean that Jesus is the truth? Why is it hard sometimes for people to tell us the truth? How can Jesus tell you the truth today?
7. To get the best results, you need to follow the advice of the counselor-not just know what he/she said. Where can you follow the advice of the Wonderful Counselor this week?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *Isaiah 9:6 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.*