

Message Series: Upon His Shoulders

Message Title: The invitation of invitations

Key Scripture:

Isaiah 9:6b, 61:10

Other Scriptures: Isaiah 9:1–7, Matthew 11:28, 28:18

At the start of each year Pastor Jonny has sought to hear the voice of the Lord, not merely as a Lifeboat, but as a Lighthouse, to lead the church safely ahead. This prophetic teach is no exception.

Theme

If the government is Upon His Shoulders how does that change how we live? Renewal will open the year with a prophetic message series of four parts, based on Isaiah Ch9. To be a prepared to people for future times, having proved Gods love and faithfulness, head knowledge will not suffice. In times of darkness and despair we can hold confidence in the great light He shines. Therefore, we are to hope in the person, work and nature of Jesus to see us through.

Message Summary

The invitation of all invitations, when you receive an invite, you ask, who is it from and what is it for and to understand this you must ask the same questions. Jesus gives us a personal invitation, this invitation is from Jesus himself, but what it is for is not to a program nor to a religion or philosophy, he invites you to come to him. The more you allow the rule of God, governing your life, which includes order, the more you will increase in His peace. After all, His kingdom, Isaiah says, has no end.

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk: What do you know about the times of Isaiah was living in? What are your experiences of governments?
- How can you get closer to God this year?
- Pray for one another cares responsibilities, fears, and failures, all the things we need to bring to Jesus.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Share with one another when you have received an important invitation. When and how did you respond? When and how did you respond to the invitation to follow Jesus?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

Closer to God, lighter the load.

How does the understanding of Matthew 11:28 impact your discipleship?

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

We can then rest from our striving of trying to make something of ourselves, or trying to earn heaven and right standing before God, and instead, when we come to Jesus, we receive all we need and could ever need. How does that help you serve?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

What is your understanding of the robe of righteousness? How can you really love those who don't know Christ that there is nothing they can do to deserve to be made right before God but Jesus has done it for us?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

Thank and Praise God that Jesus has made us right in the sight of God. Our part is to just believe in His goodness and wholeheartedly receive the gift of righteousness from Him to reign victoriously over every area of us.