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### PRAYER

Thank you, God, for the gift that we have in your Son, Jesus. Because of the gift of Jesus and your love for us, we are no longer in our sin, but we are free to live a life full of meaning, peace, and fulfilment. In your name, Amen.

### WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Have you ever received a gift that you didn't necessarily appreciate? What did you do with the gift?

### NOTES

## WORD

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

[Romans 3:21-25](#) (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[Isaiah 9:6](#) (ESV)

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale of 1-10 (1 = not at all, 10 = absolutely), how would you rate your appreciation of the gift that Jesus is to you? How does this affect your decision making process?
2. Have you followed Jesus with everything you have? Why or why not?
3. God wrapped himself in flesh in the form of Jesus. How does the fact that God walked among us make you feel?
4. Who do you go to for wonderful counsel? Why are these counselors entrusted by you with your information? Are you trusted by others in the same way?
5. It is better to give than to receive. Do you find giving tiresome? How can you develop a lifestyle that reflects generosity in Brisbane?

## PRAYER LIST