

These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

Discussion Questions

Date: December 23, 2018

Isaiah 7:14-17

1. Immanuel means “God with us.” How has the promise of God’s presence given you courage in the past? How has that promise made you afraid? Discuss how both aspects of God’s presence (the fear and the courage) enable you to live faithfully as a Christian?
2. Read Isaiah 7:1-13. Why was Ahaz given the sign of Immanuel? How could God’s promise from Isaiah apply immediately to Ahaz and find its ultimate fulfillment in Christ?
3. Isaiah 7:14 is one of the most important prophecies in the Old Testament concerning Christ. What role does fulfilled prophecy play in your own faith? How can you use fulfilled prophecy in evangelism?
4. Read Matthew 2:21-23. In those verses, we learn the name of Jesus and one of his titles. Why are both important? How does the meaning of *Jesus* relate to his title as *Immanuel*?
5. In the discussion starter for this week, all of the verses for *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* are printed. Read those aloud in the class or make copies and pass them out. Discuss how these verses apply to the arrival of Christ.
6. In Sunday’s sermon, Pastor Craig said that the arrival of Immanuel gave hope for liberation. From what has Christ saved you? For what has Christ saved you?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Isaiah 7:14. Talk with one another about the hope of Immanuel for our world.