



SUMMIT
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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 3, 2023 | "Advent" Week 1



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What is something worth waiting for?
- 2) How do you typically celebrate the season of Advent?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Review the main points of the message then share something that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) How did Jesus fulfill all 3 roles of prophet, priest and king when he came as the Messiah?
- 3) What is the nature of the conflict described in Genesis 3:15, and who are involved in this conflict?
- 4) Read **Isaiah 7:14** together. What is the sign given by the Lord, and what is the significance of the name Immanuel?
- 5) How does **Matthew 1:20-23** connect the prophecy from Isaiah 7:14 to the events surrounding Jesus' birth?
- 6) What implications might the prophecy of a virgin birth and the name Immanuel have for understanding the identity and mission of the one being born?
- 7) What is the significance that God has BOTH a plan AND a promise when it comes to history and the future?
- 8) Share about a time that God perfectly fulfilled his plan in your life. Why is it so difficult sometimes for you to wait for God's plan to be fulfilled?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ – Galatians 3:23-29 & 4:1-7 together

- 1) What jumps out at you from these passages that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) How does the “promise”(vs 29) change things for those who are in Christ? According to this passage, what is God’s plan for his children?
- 3) What is your status prior to redemption? What are the current forms of slavery today?
- 4) What were some of the historical and theological conditions that made Jesus’ coming the perfect time?
- 5) Why did Jesus need to be “born under the law” in order to redeem those “under the law?”
- 6) What did you receive because of the coming of Jesus?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) Look for situations in the coming week where you can embody the present of God to someone in need of comfort or support.
- 2) How could you use the prophecies about Jesus’ birth to explain the significance of Christmas to someone who is unfamiliar with the story?



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take some time to pray for each other in your life group
