

Sermon Discussion Questions: November 30, 2025

Sermon Series: O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Finding Christmas in the Old Testament

Sermon: *The First Promise of Christmas*

Passage: Genesis 3:15

1. Genesis 3 presents sin as an unsolvable problem for humanity. How does the sermon describe the effects of sin on our relationships with God, with one another, and with ourselves? Where do you see those effects most clearly in your own life or in the world around you?
2. The sermon suggests that our love for Christmas “magic” reveals a deeper longing for the world we were made for. What are some ways you experience that longing—whether through traditions, stories, or your own desires? How does Advent speak into those longings?
3. The preacher says that Christianity is not advice or myth but news. How does treating the gospel as “news” rather than “instructions” change the way we think about Christmas, faith, or discipleship?
4. Genesis 3:15 is framed as the “first gospel”—a promise given in the middle of judgment and brokenness. How have you experienced God’s promises showing up in the darker or more difficult seasons of life? What helps you hold on to those promises?
5. The sermon points to Jesus’ birth and death as the fulfillment of God’s promise to defeat evil. In what ways does this give you hope for the future—and what difference does it make in your struggles today? How might you ask God to be “Emmanuel—God with us” in this season?