



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

Sermon Discussion Questions: December 14, 2025

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

Sermon: *The Promise of Emmanuel*

Passage: Isaiah 7:1-17

1. **Ahaz was a “realist” who assumed he was on his own.** Where do you see that same mindset in your own life right now? What are the situations where your default assumption is, “*It’s all on me*”?
2. **The sermon described Christmas as God’s pursuit of people who don’t deserve it.** How does that challenge the way you normally think about your relationship with God—especially when you’re anxious, discouraged, or aware of your failures?
3. **We all look to something to save us from our fears** (security, success, approval, control, etc.). What are some of the “saviors” you’re tempted to trust in when life feels uncertain? How have those hopes held up over time?
4. **God offers Ahaz a sign, but Ahaz refuses because he doesn’t really trust God.** What makes it hard for you to trust that God is truly for you? Are there fears or doubts that keep you from bringing your need honestly to him?
5. **Immanuel means “God with us.”** What would it look like to believe that God is with you in a very concrete part of your life right now—your anxiety, grief, relationships, or unanswered questions? How might that change the way you face this season?