



A Prequel to Christmas – Immanuel

Isa.7:1-17, 8:1-4,11-13

December 12, 2021 Small group Questions

1. What did you find the most interesting about the context surrounding the initial prophecy of “Immanuel”?
2. The world was in deep darkness during the time of Ahaz king of Judah. Do you think the world is getting darker? Or is it more of the same?
3. Prophecy in the Old Testament often has a short-term and a long-term fulfillment. In this passage there is a “short-term” immediate baby “Maher- Shalal-Hash Baz” that is in the foreshadow of the “long-term” ultimate baby “Immanuel.” What does this tell us about God’s plan and grace in our lives?
4. Pastor Brent said that Isa.7:10-12 is a message of grace. God is asking Ahaz in his darkness to ask Him for help. But Ahaz responds by saying “I can do it myself.” Tell of a time where you did this? How did it turn out?
5. When Isaiah prophesied “Immanuel” he had no idea of the full implications of this in the future. Read about “Christ in you” by the Holy Spirit in Col.1:26-27, Eph.1:13 & 2Cor.1:22. Would you rather have lived in the Old Testament times where you had to go to the temple to access God or are you glad you live in New Testament times where the temple is inside you? Discuss the significance of “Christ in you the hope of glory?”
6. Why do you think that we can sometimes be indifferent to the Holy Spirit inside us?
7. Immanuel means No Fear (8:11-13) – No fear in your current difficulty & no fear in your eternal destiny. Where do you need a fresh sense of Immanuel in your life this Christmas?