

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

December 22nd, 2024

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message highlighted the rich history and theology behind the song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. Its origins in the 8th and 9th centuries remind us of the anticipation for Christ's first coming and the hope we now hold for His return. Through scriptures like Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:21-23, we see the fulfillment of God's promises in Jesus, "God with us." The call to rejoice, even in seasons of waiting or hardship, encourages us to trust in God's perfect timing and His mission to set us free.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What's one Christmas song that holds a special meaning for you? Why?
2. Reflecting and Waiting
 - a. Read Isaiah 7:14. What do you imagine it was like for Israel to wait for the fulfillment of this prophecy?
 - b. How does the idea of waiting on God resonate with your current season of life?
3. Rejoice in God's Promises
 - a. Read Philippians 4:4-7. What does it mean to rejoice "always," even when facing challenges?
 - b. How can rejoicing help shift your perspective in difficult circumstances?
4. The Mission of Jesus
 - a. Read Luke 4:18-19. How does Jesus' mission to set captives free and restore the broken inspire you today?
 - b. In what ways have you experienced freedom or healing through Christ?
5. Hope for the future
 - a. Read John 14:1-3 and Revelation 22:20. How does the promise of Jesus' return encourage you?
 - b. How can you prepare your heart for the day Jesus comes again?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.