

“The Sign of Emmanuel”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Questions?
<p>Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your Christmas plans? Are there any upcoming concerns about the holidays this group can pray for? • Recite 1 Corinthians 3:16 or any other passage you’ve been working on this week. 	<p>Diving Deeper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Matthew 1:18-25 • How does your understanding of this prophecy impact how we should understand this passage now?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 7:1-17 • Read 2 Kings 16:1-9 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We hear Isaiah 7:14 quoted all of the time around Christmas, but rarely read it in its context. • The Sign of Emmanuel is a sign of judgment for King Ahaz who failed to trust in YHWH to save him. • Who did he look to instead? How did that work out for him? • How did hearing the history around this prophecy change your understanding of it? 	<p>Reflect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Those things we look to to save us other than God will eventually let us down.” • But “If we trust in Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, to save us from our sins, we can also trust Him to one day establish His perfect Kingdom that will never let us down.” • Is there anything/anyone you are looking to to “save you” other than Jesus? • As we enter into an election year, how does this Sign challenge the hope we often put in our political leaders? • What does the “Sign of Emmanuel” remind us to do instead? <p>Memorize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew 1:21 or Isaiah 9:6-7