



## Sermon Discussion Guide Immanuel - Tim Knipp 12/1/24

### Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? Add other questions to get to know one another, especially ones related to the topic in the sermon.*
- Ask about the holidays:
  - How was your thanksgiving? Where and what did you do?
  - What is your favorite Christmas song, or a Christmas song with the most memories?
- Regarding sermon: What's an unknown future thing/event/possibility that you have anxiety or fear about right now?
- Listen to Andrew Peterson's "It Came to Pass" and talk about these miraculous events and where you see trust lived out.
  - <https://youtu.be/w1eBuwSgFRA?si=dFkIHc9y18XBAvBo>

### Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying**: Matthew 1:18-23 and pre-reading Isaiah 7:10-17*
- Tim spoke about Matthew being full of references and documentation for the fulfillment of prophecy in Jesus. Look for other occurrences both in Matthew and the OT counterpart. Take a moment to look for "courageous trust" in these stories.
  - I.e. Matthew 2:5-6 and Micah 5:2
- Read aloud the passage, then choose another translation and read it again. If possible, find the passage in another language and listen to it together. Lastly, rewrite the passage in your own words in light of the sermon this week.

### Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*



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- *Immanuel means God with us. He's the ultimate fulfillment of a promise given to a stubborn king on the Old Testament. A promise not to a specific time, but to all time and all people. What courageous trust do you see in our own church? Faith promise giving, Holiday baskets, Hillcrest kids. How do you see this trust lived out into an unknown future in our community?*
- *What would courageous trust look like on a more global scale? What do you think would be the outflow, knowing and trusting Immanuel with an uncertain future?*

### Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- *Who do you know so well that you can tell it's them by a single action or word? Why is that? What has brought about this closeness? What would it take to trust the Lord like this?*
- *What have been your Ahaz moments or Joseph moments? Moments of being asked to trust and refusing or moments of being asked to trust and leaning into it.*
- *What does trust look like for you this advent season? What practically does it mean to increase your own trust? What is making me afraid and what can help push back the fear?*

### Time of Prayer