

## **The Prequel: Discussion Questions (11/29/23)**

### *Week 1 - O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

#### **CONNECT TOGETHER** (choose 1-2)

1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
2. How have you seen Jesus at work in the world around you? How have you been able to join him? Remember, God works through small stories.
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
4. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?

#### **READ Matthew 1:18-25**

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. What does Jesus do or say that is different than what you typically expect?
3. Does anything else stand out as surprising or interesting?
4. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
5. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)
6. What does it mean to you that Jesus is "YHWH saves"?
7. What does it mean to you that Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us"?

#### **LIVE IT OUT**

1. How can you apply this passage this week?
2. How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

#### **PRAY**

