

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Small Group Questions
For the week of November 28, 2021

Icebreaker:

What are your top 2 favorite Christmas hymns?

Discussion Questions:

1. Review: what do you remember about the history and the backdrop of this hymn?

What does it mean, as Pastor Jim described this hymn, "As Good Friday is to Easter, this hymn is to Christmas"?

- 2. Why is this hymn paired with the Advent candle/theme of hope?
- 3. The Biblical foundation of this hymn is Isaiah 7:14 and it could also include Revelation 20:22. The church's cry, "Come, Lord Jesus," can be uttered in two ways:

One, as a desire for Jesus' physical return to this earth, to end it and start the kingdom of God.

How often have you prayed for this and why?

Or a second way we may utter the cry, "Come, Lord Jesus," is in wanting Him to draw near to us, to be with us, and for us to better know Him.

How often have you prayed for this and why?

4. As you think ahead – are there some challenges or difficulties you know you are going to face in the future?

Does the promise that Jesus will be with you help?

If yes, in what way? If no, what makes you feel that way?

5. What is your most recent experience of God being with you?