



Reflection Questions

December 3, 2023

The Gift of Immanuel

Isaiah 7:14

We begin a 4-week series leading up to Christmas called "The Gifts of Christmas." We will seek to explore the true gifts that we should be focused on as we celebrate the first coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The first gift we will examine this week, is Him! The gift of Immanuel.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have you seen the focus on material gifts overshadow the true meaning of Christmas in your own life or in society?
2. What are some ways we can refocus our hearts and minds on the true meaning of Christmas amidst the cultural emphasis on materialism?
3. Have you ever experienced a gift that brought temporary joy but ultimately faded away? How does this relate to the idea of seeking lasting joy in worldly things?
4. What stood out to you about King Ahaz's response to God's offer of a sign? How does his lack of faith contrast with Joseph's response to God's revelation about Jesus' birth?
5. Reflecting on Isaiah 7:14, what significance do you see in Jesus being called Immanuel, "God with us"? How does this impact your understanding of who Jesus is and His role in your life?
6. Consider Paul Washer's statement that Christ's revelation is "the greatest gift that He can give and the greatest grace He can bestow." How does this statement resonate with you personally?
7. In light of Christ being preeminent, how should our perspective shift regarding what we truly need for peace, joy, and salvation? What practical steps can we take to keep Christ at the center during Christmas season and beyond?