

11-26-23 (Week 1) (Advent 2023)
Christmas Playlist: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25
Discussion Questions

1. Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a set aside season in the church calendar where we anticipate and wait for Christmas and Jesus' birth. The joys of Christmas can be so much sweeter if we take time to prepare ourselves. Do you have any traditions that help you get prepared for Christmas? How do you find them meaningful?
2. This Advent season we are going through a sermon series called "Christmas Playlist." It's amazing how music has this special way of tying into our memories and reminding us of special times. What are your favorite Christmas songs? Do you have any special memories tied to these songs?
3. Today we will be focusing on the old Christmas Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." take a little time to look up this song and listen to it. What words or verses stand out to you as you listen? Do you have any memories tied to this song?
4. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is a song that makes clear reference to Matthew 1:23, a quote from Isaiah 7:14, "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel" (which means 'God with us')." What does it mean to you that we don't follow a God who stayed far away, but one that drew near to us, even to the point of being born as a human on Christmas? How can this truth help give you comfort this Christmas season?