



Read the sermon text (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...

With Us: The Promise Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25 **Sermon Discussion questions** 

After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, select the questions that will best help you frame the group's discussion of this sermon and sermon text. Don't feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.

### Prime the Pump:

- 1. Have you ever visited a location that turned out to be NOT quite as promised?
- 2. Do you remember any political promises that anyone made in the recent election?
- 3. God has made a number of promises found in Scripture. Do any of them come to mind?

#### General sermon:

- 4. As you heard the sermon, did God put anything on your heart?
- 5. Did you see any portion of the Christmas story in a different light?

# Promise Attacked: The promise of a Savior came under fire

- 6. Read (Is 7:14). What are some of the things God promised would happen?
- 7. Read (1 Pet 5:8). How often do you think about spiritual warfare?
- 8. Read (Est 3:5-6; 2 Kin 11:1; Matt 2:1-3) How has Satan attacked God's work in the past? How does He attack God's work today?

## Promise Intact: The time came for the fulfillment of the promise

- 9. Read (Matt 1:18-22). What are some of the amazing things that God did as He fulfilled His promise?
- 10. What does (Is 9:6) tell you about the Savior?

11. How does it affect your daily relationship with God when you consider He always keeps His promises?

## Promise Impact: God's promise is STILL having an impact

- 12. Read (Jn 1:14). If you could go back and actually be with Jesus when He was on Earth, what would be the Top Three events you would want to witness?
- 13. Read (2 Cor 5:19). What thoughts come to mind when you read this verse?
- 14. Read (Jn 1:11-12). What thoughts come to mind when you read this verse?
- 15. Why do you think God wanted you to hear this sermon?

# Application:

- 1. Meditate on the Promise God made
- 2. Meditate on how God fulfilled His Promise
- 3. Let God's Promise have impact in your life... and pass it on