

The Sign | Isaiah 7
Sermon Discussion Questions
10/28/18

1. Pastor Jim began his teaching this morning by discussing Robert Fulghum's essay, "All I really need to know I learned in kindergarten." Take a moment and share, what are some lessons you learned in kindergarten or childhood that still hold true today?
2. This week we looked at Isaiah 7. Here we find the story of the King of Judah, Ahaz. Take a moment to recall, what is the situation King Ahaz finds himself in? What does God say through Isaiah and how does Ahaz respond?
3. God is calling the king to have faith, even offers to give him a sign, but Ahaz refuses. Why did he refuse? How might we see this in our own lives? Share a time when God has called you to something that requires faith.
4. God made a promise to the king and to the people of Judah. What was it? Read Isaiah 7:13-16 for reference. How does this come true?
5. Pastor Jim pointed out that the account and sign given in chapter 7 have an immediate fulfillment - the deliverance that Judah experienced. But there is also a much bigger story and meaning. What is that and how do we make the connection? (Matthew 1).
6. Pastor Jim mentioned how Isaiah shows us all we need to know about God. He sees us in our struggles and fears and sets out to rescue us. In this chapter, God announces his plan to save and rescue us through Jesus. The question is, how do we respond to this? Consider Ahaz and Joseph's responses to their situations. How did they respond to God's message and promise? How do we respond?
7. There are times, maybe even now, when we may find ourselves in difficult situations. By His grace, God meets us in those and promises to rescue us and be with us, but requires faith. Take a moment to share some personal stories of how this has played out in your life or the life of someone you know. Pray for those that have not turned to God. Pray that they may see and know that He is the only way, truth and life. Encourage each other with the promise of Isaiah 7 and what is yet to come.