



Given to REDEEM & RESCUE Us **Sunday, December 11, 2022** **Gahanna campus**

WELCOME (15 minutes)

- **Ice Breaker:** What's one material item (big or small) you are hoping to maybe find under your Christmas tree this year?

WORSHIP (10 minutes)

- ***Most Christmas Carols are WORSHIP SONGS! Be sure to sing these as worship and not simply as seasonal nostalgia.***
- Using your favorite streaming service, sing together "O Come O Come Emmanuel" by Francesca Batestelli AND "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" by Meredith Andrews. Lyrics on the back.

WIN (15 minutes)

- Use your **PRAYER BOARD** to talk about & pray for people you are praying to come to know Jesus as Savior. ***Why not this Christmas season?***

WORD (25 minutes)

1. Was there a time when you came to understand there was a COSMIC REALITY going on behind what you could see that meant you needed to be redeemed and rescued from your sinfulness? If so, have a couple in the group tell about when and how that happened.
2. Read together Gen. 49:10; Isa. 7:14; and John 1:9-11. How do you think it possible that after thousands of years of looking for a promised Messiah that His people missed Him when He came? How are we/you ever guilty of holding to truths and promises but over time letting them get twisted to what we want?
3. Read Galatians 3:23-25. What was the purpose of the law of God if not to be our path to righteousness? How do we help people understand the path to righteousness is only through Jesus and not our efforts?
4. Read Galatians 4:1-5. Why is our adoption tied to "the fullness of time"? What do you think that phrase means?
5. Read Galatians 4:6-7. Have you ever had trouble accepting that you are a chosen and adopted child of God? Why do you think that is? How does accepting that we have been adopted move us into greater intimacy with God?

WORKS (25 minutes)

- Break down into smaller units of 2 or 3s to pray with each other!

**“O Come O Come Emmanuel”
by Francesca Batestelli**

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Day-Spring, come and
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Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height
In ancient times did'st give the Law
In cloud, and majesty and awe
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

**“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
by Meredith Andrews**

Come, thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart
Joy of every heart

Born thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne oh oh oh
oh oh

You draw the hearts of shepherds
You draw the hearts of kings
Even as a baby, You were changing
everything
You called me to Your Kingdom
Before Your lips could speak
And even as a baby, You were reaching
out for me

And now we are awaiting
The day of Your return
When every eye will see You
As heaven comes to earth
Until the sky is opened
Until the trumpet sounds
The bride is getting ready
The church is singing out

Come, thou long expected Jesus
Born to set thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in thee
Come, thou long expected King