

1. God's objective is about making us more like Jesus. This means that there is purpose in every "thing" and circumstance, even pain.
2. We must recognize that the things we experience may not be good themselves, but that God fuses them together to bring about His good purpose.
3. God uses suffering to bring us closer to the image of Jesus.
4. Ahaz, like everyone, reaches a place in his life where a key "moment of decision" arrives. He must decide if he will lean into God or lean into man.
5. In vs. 7, God shows that He is willing to go to the deepest depths and the highest heights to help Ahaz take up a position of faith.
6. Isaiah tells Ahaz 700 years in advance that the Immanuel will come in the form of a baby from a virgin.
7. The sign of the coming Savior indicates to Ahaz that in the midst of his difficult circumstances where fear and the nation's future are uncertain, God is working on a greater plan.
8. God's message in vs. 4 "...take care and be calm, have no fear and do not be fainthearted..." can be said to any believer today.
9. We can trust in God because He is working all things together for His purposes.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

I Know That I Know
Great I Am
Been So Good
Hosanna

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 8:28 together. What does that really look like for God to work all things together for good in the middle of pain or chaos? How do we hold onto that truth when life feels out of control?

Sometimes the things we go through are just plain bad. Why do you think God chooses to use even those things for His purposes instead of just preventing them altogether?

Ahaz was facing fear, uncertainty, and a nation in crisis. When have you felt like God was silent or distant, and how did you respond?

Ahaz had to choose whether to trust God or lean on his own plan. What are some “crossroads moments” where you’ve had to decide whether to walk by faith or by fear?

Verse 7 shows God is willing to go to great lengths to help His people believe. When has God done something unmistakable in your life to remind you He’s with you?

The sign of Immanuel reminded Ahaz that God was writing a story far bigger than his crisis. How does knowing God’s plan for eternity change the way we face challenges right now?

God told Ahaz, “Be calm, have no fear, do not be fainthearted.” What does it practically look like to live that out today when the world around you feels shaky?

Challenge: This week, when fear or stress shows up, pause and pray Isaiah 7:4:

“Be calm, have no fear, do not be fainthearted.”

Then, choose one way to trust God instead of relying on your own plan and write it down. At the end of the week, reflect on how God showed up when you chose faith over fear.