



O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Jesus Comes for the Orphaned

Rebecca Graf continued our Advent sermon series by looking at Jesus' heart for the orphaned. She helped us see how Jesus desires to provide for orphans and called us to consider how we can help those in need around us. We'll dive deeper into her key text and consider what it means for us that Jesus will not leave us orphaned.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: Have there been moments in our lives where we've felt orphaned or could identify with orphans?
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: John 14:15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. **17** This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. **18** "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. **19** In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. **21** They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?

- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- What does it mean to me that Jesus will not leave me orphaned?
- What might God want me to do this week as a result of this text?

COMMISSIONING

- Pray for each other over the things God spoke to each person and over what we're going to do as a result.
- Consider how we can make a difference for those in need that are around us this holiday season.