

Emmaus Church Community

12.18.2016 Sunday gathering #612

ADVENT, week 4: Love IS Near!

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Isaiah 7:13-16 (P. 478)

“Jesus’ first miracle was his birth” - Augustine

When we focus on our _____, _____,

_____ or _____,

we miss _____

Matthew 1:18-22 (P. 676)

God can take our _____

and makes it _____

Romans 1:2-7 (P. 782)

You are _____

You _____

You receive _____

We respond _____

We respond _____

“By grace, having been made worthy of such a calling and having received it only by the will of the Father, we stand in the same relation to Him as images do to their original.” - Cyril of Alexandria

Respond:

When you hear, “love IS near”, what do you think, feel, believe?

Read Isaiah 35:1-10.

Which one of these four roadblocks are you wrestling with during this season? What steps can you take to more fully experience the reality that God’s love is near?

Read Matthew 11:2-11.

What is one “good” area in your life where you need to trust God? What does that trust look like?

Read Romans 1:2-7

Which one of these 5 points Paul makes in this text stand out to you? Why? What action can you take based on this point?

