

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you ever wanted a sign from God?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. According to 2 Chronicles 28:1-6, who was King Ahaz and what happened?
3. You can read the account of this story in Isaiah chapter seven. According to Isaiah 7:1-3, who were the two kings that wanted to attack King Ahaz?
 - a. What did the Lord tell Ahaz?
4. Pastor Ruben said, "When your stressed out, you can spend your energy on the wrong thing." What was King Ahaz doing when he heard the news?
 - a. Do you find Ahaz crying out to God in this scene?
5. What did God tell Ahaz in Isaiah 7:4? What did God call the two kings?
 - a. What was God trying to communicate to King Ahaz?
6. Pastor Ruben said, "Before you worry, cry out to God. God will show you what's blowing smoke". Can you think of a time when you were worried about something that was simply blowing smoke?
7. Please read Isaiah 7:5-7. Here comes the promise! How does this compare with Mark Twain's quote, "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened."

8. Please read Isaiah 7:8-9. What was God saying about these two kings? According to Isaiah 7:10-11, what did God ask Ahaz to do? Have you ever needed a sign from God? Talk about it!

9. According to Isaiah 7:12, what was Ahaz's response?

10. Read 7:13-14 - what do you think about this prophecy and miracle and what was God's response in Isaiah?

11. What was God telling Ahaz in Isaiah 7:15-16? Do you have a God-perspective of circumstances? How does that perspective look different from the way we normally see events?

12. Read Matthew chapter 1 - Ahaz is part of the genealogy of Jesus Christ! What does this say about God?

13. Please read the fulfillment of this prophecy in Matthew 1:18-25.

Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "I've had a lot of worries in my life, most of which never happened." - Mark Twain
- When your stressed out, you can spend your energy on the wrong thing.
- Before you worry, cry out to God. God will show you what's blowing smoke.
- If you have a humble, repentant, heart, and ask God for a sign...He'll give you a sign. If you approach God with a prideful heart and ask God for a sign, most of the time, He won't give it.
- APPL: The reason you don't have to worry...
 - God knows your circumstances better than you do.
 - God loves you.
 - God sees your future.
 - God knows the desires of your heart.