

SERMON NOTES
“The Heart of the Carols: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel seems like the _____ Christmas carol ever.

If Jesus has already come, why are we singing a song where we are asking him to come?

When we sing this, we aren't asking him to _____ for the first time, we are praying that he will _____ soon.

As we pray that we are echoing one of the earliest prayers of the church, the simple prayer *marana tha*, which means _____.

We need to pray that prayer _____ today.

The truth is, it might not fit our definition of a good Christmas carol, but it's a great _____ carol!

Believing that Christ will come back some day is important, but what practical difference should that make in our lives right now?

Since he's coming back it means that...

...we do not _____ as those who have no hope.

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Questions to think about:

Where do you need to feel Christ's hope and comfort today?

What work do you need to put your hands to as you wait for Christ's return?