

Immanuel

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Matthew 1:18-25

How did God speak to you through Sunday's worship and message of Immanuel (God with us)?

Point: God with Us, Us with God

1. Please share with the Group an act someone did that showed or made you feel a part of a group (e.g.-RGroup, family, work, school).
2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. What has the Lord done or said that shows or makes you feel that He wants you to be with Him? What does the name Jesus mean (Google "Jesus Hebrew Streams")? How does that name show that LORD wants a relationship with us?
3. Read 1 Kings 16:1-16, 2 Chronicles 28:1-4, 22-27, & Isaiah 7:1-16. How did Ahaz reject God's invitation to trust Him and be with Him? What got in Ahaz's way of trusting the LORD? What gets in our way of trusting the LORD?
4. Immanuel means "God with us." The name reveals that the Lord is not far from us because He *does not want* to be far from us. He is not, as some have imagined Him to be, like a watch maker who wound up the universe and then stepped back to watch it run on its own. From the beginning in Genesis 1-3, we see that He delights when we walk with Him. In what areas are we prone to leave the Lord out of our lives (e.g.- work, school, relationships with difficult people, evangelism, discipleship, worship, etc.)?
5. How can we get better at inviting Jesus to our Christmas dinner this year? What are one or two areas of your life that you want to invite Jesus into more and more in the year 2020? (it's not too early to make New Year's Resolutions!)
6. Share with the group why *you* are thankful that the Lord wants to be with us/you.