

## **Group Questions – Advent Week 2 – “With Us In Our Waiting”**

***What is the longest time you have waited in line for something?***

***Was it worth the wait?***

Pastor Nate shared how we can completely believe God is going to work everything out... eventually... but we are struggling with the RIGHT NOW.

Pause for a moment and think of something you are currently WAITING on in your life. We'll come back to this later.

***Have you ever had a nickname? How did you get the nickname? Who gave you that nickname?***

Jesus has many “nicknames”. Read about one of them in...

**Read:** Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:22-23

***Who gave Jesus His “nickname” ... IMMANUEL?***

***What does this show you that GOD gave Jesus the name IMMANUEL?***

***In what ways has Jesus lived up to His “nickname”... IMMANUEL?***

**Read:** John 14:16-18

***How is Jesus, still, “God with us” today?***

***What are some of the emotions we struggle with as we WAIT?***

**Read:** Hebrews 13:5-6

***What do these verses say are the result of knowing that God is with you?***

***How can knowing God is with us IN the waiting help us?***

***What are some of the fears people struggle with as they wait?***

**Read:** Psalm 23:4

When David wrote Psalm 23 his son, Absalom, was rebelling against him, trying to take the kingdom from him, and have him murdered.

***What would be the natural reaction to experiencing those things?***

***What did David identify as the thing that kept him from those natural reactions?***

**Read:** Psalm 23:4

***What does God identify as the SOURCE of overcoming fear?***

Joseph waited many years before God came through on His promise. After fulfilling His promise, Joseph understood this about God...

**Read:** Genesis 50:20

***How can this understanding help us as we wait on God?***

Pastor Nate shared that God is not just WITH US in our waiting, but He is also WORKING in our waiting.

***What is that thing you are currently waiting on?***

***What are some ways that God may be working in your waiting right now?***

Faith is not just praising God after the promise is fulfilled, but also praising God before the promise is fulfilled.

***How can you activate your faith, right now, in your waiting?***

**CLOSING PRAYER**