



“God With Us... Even Here”

HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of December 14, 2025

Let's Talk & Pray

- What's one thing about the Christmas story that feels especially meaningful to you during a difficult season? Pray together after everyone has shared.

Let's Read the Word

- Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:37-38; Psalm 84:5-7; Philippians 1:12-14; Hebrews 4:15;

Let's Think

- When you hear the name Immanuel - “God with us” (Matthew 1:23), what thoughts or emotions come to mind? How have you experience Immanuel in your life?
- Why is it sometimes easier to believe God is with us on the mountain tops than in the valleys? Why?
- From Psalm 84:5-7, what stands out to you about how the Valley of Baca is described? What valleys have you experienced in your life? What do you think it means that those who trust God “go from strength to strength” even while passing through the valley?

Let's Share

- “We enjoy God in cheerful moments, but we get to know Him intimately in challenging moments.” Do you agree? How have past challenges shaped or deepened your relationship with God?
- Why is it significant that Christmas is about God coming to us, not us reaching God? What does this tell you about God’s heart for us? What encourages you most about the fact that Jesus is with us in sickness, storms, and suffering?
- Jesus took on human challenges. How does Jesus see your struggles? What does that mean for you in your own struggles?
- Mary asked, “How can this be?” yet still said yes. Joseph chose grace and obedience in a difficult situation. What does this teach you about faith? How has the power of the Holy Spirit helped you walk through difficult situations?

Let's Grow

- Paul's chains advanced the gospel (Philippians 1:12-14). How can God use our struggles to strengthen others? Where might God be doing something greater through your challenges?
- What area of your life do you most need to be reminded that God is with you right now?
- What would it look like to say “yes” to God?

Let's Pray

Pray over all requests as a group.

Upcoming Events at Hope

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services 3pm & 5pm

Dec 28 - One Sunday Service at 11am

Dec 31 - No services

Jan 4-24 - 21 days of prayer & fasting