



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

12/10/2023

SERIES: Emmanuel, God With Us

WEEK: 2

MESSAGE: God Is Us.

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Stephen Masters

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's devotional & discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. When was the last time you said, "WOW" about something amazing? What was it and why did it wow you?
2. What is it about Christmas that you enjoy the most? Is there one Christmas in particular that is most memorable? What made it that way?
3. Read Philippians 2:6-7. Which part of these verses "wows" you? What questions come to mind when you read this about Jesus? Why do you believe this truth is important for us?
4. Read John 1:14. What's one aspect of Jesus' humanity that you are especially thankful for?
5. Which part is a bigger challenge for you to grasp...Jesus being 100% God or 100% human?
6. Do you ever find yourself thinking or living that Jesus is less than 100% of either one, God or human? Can you give an example from your life?
7. Read Hebrews 2:17. Jesus was made like us and understands us! What are some characteristics of a relationship where the people understand each other? Why do you think this truth that Jesus understands us is so important for us?
8. Look at John 13:34-35 and 1 John 4:12. What are we commanded to do? What are some examples of what this love for others looks like? Why is it important to love each other as God loves us? What are the promised results?
9. Who is one person this week you can show the love of God to? Who is the person you are thinking about? How will you show the love of God to them?
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the App.



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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church