

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: In preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior, over the next several weeks until Christmas we will discover how Jesus is "God with us" on the mountain, in the valley, in the wilderness, and in the storm. Join us for "Immanuel - God With Us."

No matter what you're going through, you can trust that God is with you.

Matthew 1:18-23 (ESV)

Why does God need to be with us in order to save us?

Three Reasons we need Immanuel:

- We need Grace Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) | Romans 5:1-2 (NIV)
- We need Mercy John 3:16 (NIV) | Isaiah 53:5-6 (NIV)

The Good News of Jesus applies best when you truly understand the Bad News of you.

- We need Relationship Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)

Have you received the gift of Immanuel?

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Have you reflected on the Grace and Mercy that God has shown you over your life? What examples come to mind?
- 3) How does the statement, *The Good News of Jesus applies best when you truly understand the Bad News of you* make you feel?
- 4) Read Isaiah 55:1-3. When did you receive the gift of Immanuel?
- 5) Who can you pray for to awaken to their need for grace, mercy and relationship with Immanuel this Christmas season?