

## **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."

### **Matthew 1:22-23 (ESV)**

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

### **Matthew 7:24-27 (ESV)**

**Storms are inevitable... Trusting Immanuel is learned.**

### **Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)**

**Don't mistake the presence of a storm as the absence of God.**

**A storm can foster fear or it can fortify your faith.**

### **How storms cause us to question Immanuel:**

- **When we can't hear Him, we forget what He has said.** **Mark 4:35-37 (ESV)**  
**Don't neglect your "DAILY'S" - Worship / Word / Prayer**
- **When we can't see Him, we forget what He's done.** **Mark 4:38 (ESV)**  
**Don't neglect your "WEEKLY'S" - Fellowship / Reflection / Journaling**
- **When we lose control, we forget He's in control.** **Mark 4:39-41 (ESV)**

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1)** What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2)** Have you ever found yourself in a storm? What were your initial thoughts? Did it foster fear or fortify your faith?
- 3)** Have you ever had a season where you've questioned God's nearness? Explain.
- 4)** How has God used a storm in your life to help you remember what He's said, what He's done, and that He's ultimately in control?
- 5)** How are you doing on your "DAILY'S" and your "WEEKLY'S"?
- 6)** Who do you know that is in a storm and could use some encouragement? What's your next step to help them out?