

## **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.**

**God meets with us on the mountaintops to strengthen us for the valleys.**

### **Matthew 17:1-13 (ESV)**

#### **Truths for the Mountaintop:**

- **The mountaintop will TRANSFORM you.**
- **The mountaintop will REAFFIRM you.**
- **The mountaintop will REFUEL you.**

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) What do you enjoy about being in the mountains or on a mountaintop? Where is your favorite mountain destination and why? What does being there do for you (How does it make you feel?)
- 3) Share about a life experience that you consider a "spiritual mountaintop." How has that been significant/impactful for you?
- 4) How has God used mountaintop experiences to prepare you for life's valleys? Did you feel stronger, more equipped, more prepared, etc. to be able to face what you had to face?
- 5) How has God transformed your valley experiences, and/or made you stronger as a result?
- 6) Often a mountaintop experience can be clarifying as it helps realign you. With a different perspective, you can see how far you've come and better see where you need to go. What are you thankful for in terms of how far God has brought you? Where do you think God is leading you in the near future in terms of mission and purpose?