

Immanuel – God with Us: Epistles

It was always God’s intention to dwell with His people

Romans – Jude

I. Immanuel – God with us so far in this series

A. One way to think about this topic:

	Pre-fall Eden	Old Testament tabernacle and temples	Lord Jesus Christ	New Testament tabernacles and temple
Where is God in relation to his people?				
How many locations is God in at a time?				
Is there sin in the world?				
Does sin have dominion over God’s people?				

B. So what?

1. God planned to dwell with his people
2. God is faithful and is dwelling with his people
3. God will continue to be faithful and will continue to dwell with his people

Post-teaching questions for discussion:

1. Do I recognize and rejoice in what God has done by dwelling with his people?
2. Does my life reflect the fact that God lives in me?
3. Do I long for a perfect dwelling with God?

II. Epistles 101

III. Immanuel – God with us in the Epistles

A. The concept: *oikeō*: to dwell, with variations meaning to dwell in, settle, inhabit

a. **Romans 8:1–27**

b. **Colossians 3:16–17**

c. **Ephesians 3:14-21**

B. The examples

1. *skēnē*: tent, tabernacle, with variations meaning the body

a. **Hebrews 8:1–6; 9**

b. **2 Peter 1:12–14**

2. *naos*: temple

a. **1 Corinthians 3:16**

b. **2 Corinthians 6:16–18**

c. **Ephesians 2:11–22**

3. *lithos*: stone

a. **1 Peter 2:1–10**

C. What Jim didn't have time for

1. **2 Corinthians 5:1–4**

2. **Galatians 3:1–14; 3:27–4:6**

3. **Philippians 2:1–4**

4. **1 Thessalonians 4:3–8**

5. **2 Thessalonians 2:13–15**

6. **2 Timothy 1:13–14**

7. **Titus 3:1–8**

8. **James 4:1–5**

9. **1 John 3:21–24; 4:7–16**

10. **1 Timothy, Philemon,
2 John, or 3 John**

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IV. So what?

- A. God is where believers are

- B. God is working where believers are

- C. God is perfectly working where believers are

V. Now what?

- A. Recognize and rejoice in God's work

- B. Live like God lives in us
 - 1. Use everything God has given to us to experience, know, and enjoy him.
 - 2. Examine our lives for the fruit of the Spirit
 - 3. Stop praying prayers that don't reflect the truth of how God dwells with a New Testament believer

- C. Long for a perfect dwelling with God

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