

EMMANUEL

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. The background is a dark teal color with a starburst pattern of white and light blue stars and bokeh. In the center, a white silhouette of a manger is shown with Mary kneeling, Joseph standing, and the infant Jesus in a manger. To the left, a white silhouette of a cow and a donkey are shown. To the right, three white silhouettes of camels are shown, and a shepherd with a staff and a lantern is shown with two sheep. In the background, a white silhouette of a city with domes and towers is visible. The text 'EMMANUEL' is written in large, white, stylized letters at the top right, and 'God with us' is written in a white, cursive font at the bottom left.

God with us

Lamb of God - Son of God Good Shepherd - God with Us

A dark teal silhouette illustration of a nativity scene. In the center, a manger is shown with Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. To the left, a cow and a donkey are present. To the right, three camels are being led by a man, and a shepherd with a staff and a dog is visible. The background features a city skyline on the left and palm trees on the right, all under a starry night sky.

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John's Testimony: John 1:19-29

- John – Levite - Spoke Freely
 - NOT - Christ, Elisha, or THE Prophet.
 - Elisha – Malachi 4:5-6
 - The Prophet - Deut 18:15-16
 - IS –Preparation - Isaiah 40:3 & Malachi 3:1
- Jesus - Lamb of God and Son of God

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John's Comfort: John 3:22-36

- John's Disciples –
 - Taking away from John's Ministry??
- John –
 - It was NEVER my ministry
 - I must decrease – He might increase!
 - His comfort – Leading them to Jesus!

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Jesus' Testimony: John 10:1-15

- Jesus – Gate
 - Protection, Provider, and Promise Keeper
- Jesus – Good Shepherd
 - Servant, Sacrifice, and Safety
- Lays His Life Down!

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Jesus' Comfort: Luke 12:27-34

- Words to the *Little Flock*
 - Wild flowers:
 - Dress and Care
- Fear Not –
 - Where your treasure is...
 - There your heart is also!
- Jesus' Comfort - Giving us the KINGDOM!

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Peter - Fisherman John 21:15-17

Peter do you... Love

- Agape, Agape, Phileo

Yes Lord I... Love

- Phileo, Phileo, Phileo

Feed - Lamb - Baby Sheep

Tend - (Pastor) Sheep - Mature

Feed - ALL the sheep

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Peter - Shepherd 1 Peter 5:1-4

He WAS a fisherman - He BECAME a Shepherd!

- His WHOLE mindset and life changed!!

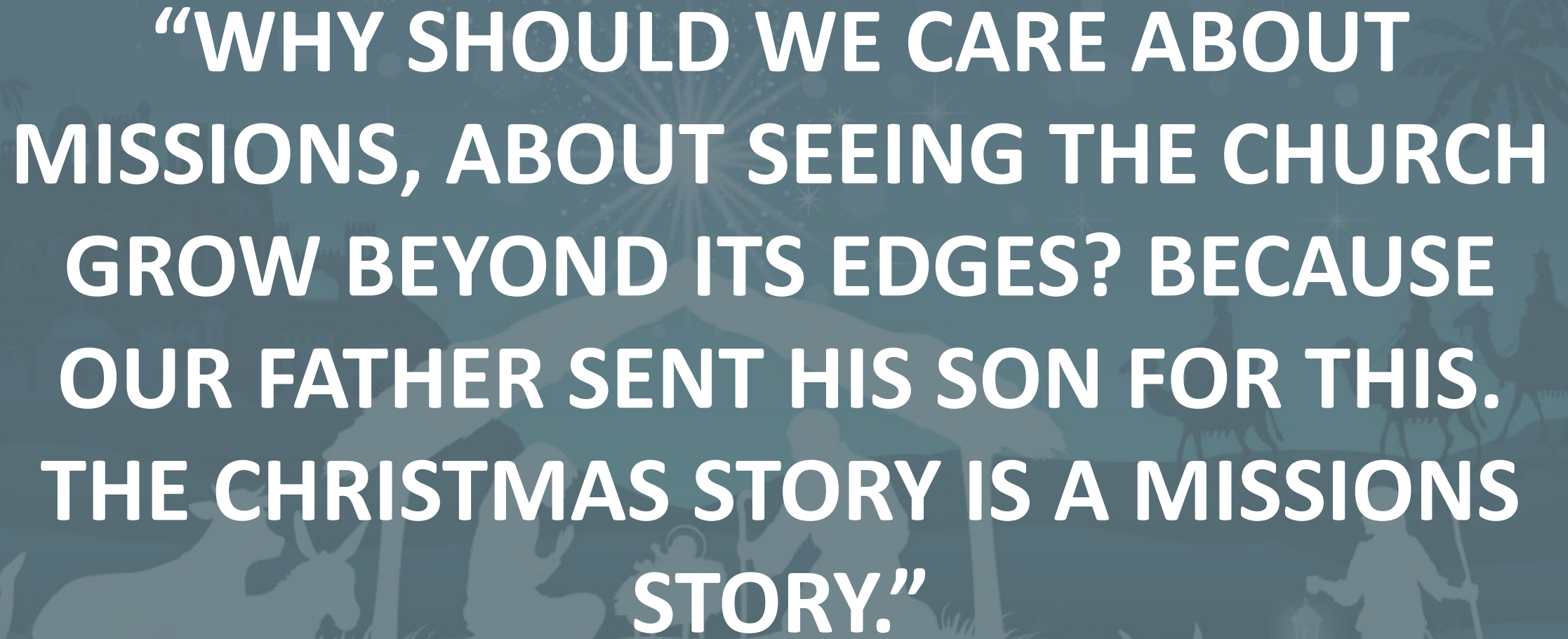
He saw that God was WITH HIM

His Love is what is with us! He gave His life so that we might know that Love!

- The Rough Fisherman understood this

- The Servant Shepherd wrote 1 Peter 5!

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“WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT MISSIONS, ABOUT SEEING THE CHURCH GROW BEYOND ITS EDGES? BECAUSE OUR FATHER SENT HIS SON FOR THIS. THE CHRISTMAS STORY IS A MISSIONS STORY.”

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