

## IMPACT COMMUNITIES

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Immanuel / God with Us - 2016

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What did you find significant about the message? Was there anything in the message that spoke to you personally?
3. What do you think when you hear 'God is with me'? Do you believe it? If not, why? Have you experienced it in your life or seen a picture of it in the life of others or community?
4. Read Psalm 34:17 and Isaiah 41:10. Are you currently facing a difficult situation and don't know which way to turn? How can you trust God to help you in this situation?
5. Read John 16:33 and Romans 8:28. How do you react when bad things happen in your life? How does the truth that God is with you even in the difficult moments help you? Do you believe this?
6. Read Matthew 11:28-30, Psalms 32:8, 1 John 5:14-15, and Jeremiah 33:3. How do these promises give you confidence? What questions does it raise for you?
7. In light of what you learned from message and this discussion, how can you apply this in at home, at work or school, and in your community?

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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Immanuel / God with Us

With Gerrit Nieuwoudt - Sequoia Board Chair  
April 10, 2016



**Big Idea: Because God is with us, we don't need to fear! Our future is secure!**

Matthew 1 :20 – 23 “As he [Joseph] considered this, an an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. Joseph, son of David, the angel said, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” “All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us’”

#### There are a few important points to take from this:

1. God is faithful.
2. Jesus is God.
3. Jesus will be God with us.

Psalm 139: 7-10 “I can never escape from your spirit. I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the grave, you are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there your hand will guide me, and your strength will support me!”

Matthew 28: 20 “And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation(NLT).*