



Table Discussion Guide

Week 1 - "Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel"

Main Point: The great Christmas gift: to be with the One who came to be with us

Discussion Opener

We can't start a Christmas Playlist series without talking about Christmas Music! What is your favorite Christmas song and why?

Discussion Questions

1. Read aloud the lyrics to 'Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel'. Slow it down a bit and think about what is being said.
2. In the message this week, we look at 3 positions we take when asked the question 'Where is God?' The Deist: God has left us, The Agnostic: God is unknowable to us, and The Christian: God is with us. What position are you in out of these 3? What has brought you to take this position/view?
3. John 1:14 says, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." God has come close to you in Jesus Christ. You don't have to struggle to find Him; He came to you. What does this tell you about our God that He would choose to come to us?
4. Take a look at the 4 ways Jesus is described in the song this week. Read the scriptures for each one and then discuss how each one encourages you OR how you struggle with each one:
 - Rod of Jesse: a divine King to govern you (*Isaiah 11:1-2*)
 - Day-spring: a loving light to guide you (*Luke 1:78-79*)
 - Desire of nations: a kingdom family to belong to (*Haggai 2:7*)
 - Key of David: the hope of heaven to encourage you (*Isaiah 22:22*)

Practice/Discipline For the Week: *Bible Study/Devotion*. Because God has come to be with us, we get the tremendous blessing of being with Him. Set aside a time daily this week to read the Bible and sit in the presence of our God. A good place to start is John 1.