

Jesus Is With Us

Three Things That Go Together

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Key Scripture:

Matthew 18:18-20 (NIV) “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

1. Heaven and Earth (Matthew 18:18; Matthew 16:18-19; Ephesians 1:9-10)

- God’s plan is to bring everything together under the authority of Christ.
- Believers await and pray for God’s kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven (Colossians 3:1-2; Matthew 6:10).
- The church is called to bring heaven to earth as people experience Jesus’ life and healing (Ezekiel 47:12).

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean for God’s kingdom to come “on earth as it is in heaven”?
- How can we practically live in a way that reflects heaven on earth?
- Where have you seen glimpses of heaven breaking through in your own life or in the church?

Follow-Up Prompt:

This week, how can you be intentional about being an answer to the prayer “your kingdom come, your will be done”?

2. You and Me (Matthew 18:19; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; James 5:16)

- There is power in agreement, strength in unity, and effectiveness in prayer.
- When believers pray together in faith, God hears and responds (Matthew 21:22; 1 John 5:14-15).

- Unity brings blessing and glorifies God (Psalm 133; Philippians 2:1-2; Romans 15:5-6).

Discussion Questions:

- Why is agreement and unity in prayer so powerful?
- How have you experienced God's presence through praying with others?
- What does it practically look like to live "with one mind and one voice" as the church?

Follow-Up Prompt:

Who in your life can you intentionally come into agreement with in prayer this week?

3. Jesus With Us (Matthew 18:20; Matthew 1:23; Matthew 28:19-20)

- Jesus is Immanuel - God with us.
- He is with us always, through His Spirit, to empower and guide us (John 14:16; Acts 1:8).
- Jesus is present to save, restore, heal, and provide.

Discussion Questions:

- How does knowing that Jesus is always with you change the way you face challenges?
- In what ways have you experienced the Spirit of Jesus helping you recently?
- Which of the truths: Jesus saves, restores, heals, provides - do you most need to embrace right now?

Follow-Up Prompt:

How can you lean into the presence of Jesus in a deeper way this week?

Reflection & Prayer

- Reflect: Which of these three truths: Heaven and Earth, You and Me, Jesus With Us - do you need to hold onto most right now?
- Pray: Ask God to make His presence real in your life and in your group, that His kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven.