

GOD WITH US

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

We're beginning a new series for the Christmas season titled Christmas at the Hills! Guest speaker, Pastor Josh Carter from Send Nevada, will give us applications to take with us during this season as we focus in on the birth of Jesus!

Key Passages: Matthew 1:18-23

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Why do you think the world craves nearness so much? What are the benefits of a close relationship?

In 1 Timothy 1:5, we see that Jesus came to us but what was his mission? Why is this important in compassion to other worldviews or religions?

Read Philippians 2:19-21 and Philippians 2:4. Because Jesus saved us, what should our posture be toward others?

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Is there a tradition that your family does yearly to focus on others during the Christmas season? Share with the group.

Have you been impacted by someone's generosity in the past? How did that make you feel?

Is there a person in your life that needs to experience the nearness of God this year? Take some time in your group and pray for them.



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