
Emmanuel means GOD WITH US!

Matthew 1:21-23; Isaiah 7:14; Revelation 1:8

God IS with you.

Luke 1:28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Joshua 1:9

God WAS with you.

Genesis 39:19; Luke 24:13-34;

God WILL BE with you.

Matthew 1:23; Matthew 28:16-20; Philippians 3:20-21

***Today we celebrate God's presence here and now,
His faithfulness to us in the past and trust him with
our future... He is Emmanuel.***

Food for Thought

For the week of December 2, 2012
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

What is one of the greatest Christmas gifts you've ever received?

What is one of the greatest Christmas gifts you've ever given to someone else?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Matthew 1:18-25. This passage describes the birth of Jesus and explains the meaning of his name, which is God with us.

What do you think causes you to sometimes feel distant from God?

In what ways have you experienced God with you?

Read Luke 1:28, Genesis 39:21 and Romans 8:35-39. These verses show us that God is with you, God was with you and God will always be with you.

How do you need God's presence to help you in enduring whatever difficult circumstances you may be facing today?

What are some of the ways you best connect to God?

Do you find it easier or harder to experience God's presence during the Christmas season? Explain.

What things in your life are you anticipating for the future that will require God's presence to guide you?

In what way is God using you to simply service those in your family? Those in the Real Life community? At your workplace? Your community?

WHAT NEXT?

Below are some ideas you can do throughout this week to help take what we've learned together and put it into practice.

- Take some time to thank God for being with you in both good and bad times.
- Share with God any difficult circumstances you're facing and ask Him to be with you and help you endure.
- Ask God to make His presence known to you during those times that He feels distant to you.
- Pray for those you know that need to experience God in their life. Ask God to make His presence known to them.

Old Testament Prophecies fulfilled in the New Testament

Below is a chart of just a few of the prophecies about Jesus (some written nearly 1,000 yrs. before his birth). God is completely faithful and we can trust Him with our present and future!

1. Jesus is to come from a specific Jewish tribe (Judah) in the town of Bethlehem
 - Prophesied: Micah 5:2
 - Fulfilled: Luke 2:4-7 & 3:33
2. He would be born in the House of King David
 - Prophesied: Jeremiah 23:5-6
 - Fulfilled: Luke 3:31
3. He would be born into the family of Jesse (David's Dad)
 - Prophesied: Isaiah 11:1
 - Fulfilled: Luke 3:32
4. He would be born of a virgin
 - Prophesied: Isaiah 7:14
 - Fulfilled: Matthew 1:18
5. He would be worshipped by Kings and shepherds and given gifts
 - Prophesied: Psalm 72:9-10
 - Fulfilled: Matthew 2:11 & Luke 2:9
6. Jesus would be born at a time when mothers mourned for their children who were killed.
 - Prophesied: Jeremiah 31:15
 - Fulfilled: Matthew 2:16-18
7. Jesus' family would have to flee to Egypt
 - Prophesied: Hosea 11:1
 - Fulfilled: Matthew 2:13-14
8. He will be called Lord
 - Prophesied: Psalm 110:1
 - Fulfilled: Luke 2:11