
Immanuel, God with us...what an unfathomable thing to think that God would become a man. Why would God come off his throne to walk among imperfect people in a fallen world? Join us as we look at the Christmas event and the “Glimmer” of love and hope we find in a baby.

Icebreaker: Answer the questions: Do you like to shop? Why or why not? Do you have all of your Christmas shopping done?

1. If you were telling the Christmas story to a child for the very first time, what are the things that you would not want to forget? Explain.

2. Read Isaiah 7:14; Immanuel means simply, “God is with us.” What comes to mind and what do you think of this statement? In other words, what does it mean that God is with us?
 - a. What do you think it meant to the people who lived at the time this was written?
 - b. Read Matthew 1:18-23; This passage was written about 700 years after the Isaiah passage. How does this information affect the way you think of Christmas (the birth of Jesus).

3. In Isaiah 7:14, the coming of Immanuel was to be a sign. What and who do you suppose the sign given?
 - a. What did the coming of this sign reveal about God’s: divinity, goodwill, faithfulness, power, and love?
 - b. Read Hebrews 2:14-15; 4:15-16; How did God share in our humanity?
 - i. Why did God share in our humanity?
 - ii. How does this knowledge make you feel?

Close in Prayer thanking God for his willingness to share in our humanity.

Prep for next week: Read Luke 2:1-20; Think about this week how the coming of Jesus brought hope to the world.