



"Jesus, Our Immanuel"

Various Scriptures

December 23, 2018

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Do you know the meaning of your name? If not, look it up! What is it? Did your parents have any reason to name you what they did? If you have children, how did you go about selecting their names?

QUICK REVIEW

Our December sermon series is titled "**Glory to the Newborn King.**" It is drawn from the familiar carol, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" as we explore the all the titles used of Jesus Christ in that theologically rich hymn. This week we consider that fact the He is "Jesus, Our Immanuel," which means, "God with us."

Read Matthew 1:18-25

How "Immanuel" helps us with our fear...

1. God is with us when we _____ (Matthew 28:16-20).
2. God is for us when we _____ (Romans 8:31-34)
3. God is in us when we're _____ (John 14:18-20)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. The angel told Joseph not to be afraid. What did Joseph have to fear?
2. What are some of the fears you face in this life? How do these passages help you?

Joshua 1:9

Isaiah 41:10

II Timothy 1:6-7

3. Reading carefully Matthew 1:18-25, what do you learn about Joseph's character? What traits do you see in him that you want in your life?
4. Reflect on Romans 8:28. How might the timeless truth of this be illustrated in Joseph's experience? Can you share with the group any hard situations in your life like the Lord is may be using in a similar way?
5. Reviewing Matthew 1:18-25, what two names of Christ are accentuated in this passage (v.21 & v.23)? What do those names mean, and how do they help us understand the Christmas holiday?