



God With Us

Part 3: Emmanuel: Jesus Is THE Gift



CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

The **“God With Us”** series teaches us of a central truth of the gospel: God did not remain distant in the face of our need—He chose to draw near. In Jesus, God steps into our story, walks among us, and reveals Himself in a tangible, personal, and transforming way.

In Sunday’s message, we affirmed that Jesus is not merely one of God’s gifts—He is THE Gift. In Him, grace, truth, salvation, and every blessing the Father desired to give us are fully embodied. Celebrating Christmas is not simply remembering a birth; it is recognizing that God Himself came to dwell with us forever.

John 1:14 shows us the heart of this message: God became flesh. He did not send something from afar—He came Himself. **Emmanuel is not a concept; He is a person: Jesus.**

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NASB)



TALK ABOUT IT

1. What stands out to you most about the phrase “the Word became flesh”?
2. What does it mean for your daily life to know that God chose to “dwell” among us and not merely visit us?
3. According to **John 1:14**, what does Jesus reveal about the character of God?

4. Read **Matthew 1:21–23 (NLT)**: “And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” How does this passage reinforce the idea that Jesus is not one of God’s gifts—but He is the very presence of God?
5. In what ways do we tend to seek blessings without going first to Jesus?

Jesus is not one of God’s gifts. Jesus IS the gift. And from Him flows every blessing.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

- **Live with hope:** This week, identify a biblical promise and read it out loud each day. When anxiety or uncertainty arises, declare: “Jesus is with me, and He is faithful.”
- **Receive His peace:** Set aside 5–10 minutes daily to turn off distractions and pray in silence. In the busyness of the end-of-year season, allow the peace of the Lord to rule your daily life.
- **Celebrate with joy:** Choose to intentionally give thanks for Jesus at every meal or Christmas gathering. Share with someone why Jesus is the source of your joy, beyond circumstances.
- **Experience His love:** Demonstrate love in practical ways: a phone call, forgiveness, a visit, or an act of service. Remind yourself each day of this season: “I am loved because God gave me His Son.”

PRAYER

“Lord Jesus, thank You because You are Emmanuel, God with us. Thank You because You did not only give us blessings, but You gave Yourself. Help me live this Christmas with hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering that in You I have everything. Amen.”

TIPS

- Don’t reduce Christmas to activities; focus on the presence of Jesus.
- Before giving or receiving gifts, don’t forget what matters most: Jesus is THE Gift for you.
- Remember that you do not walk alone—God is with you, today and always.

SABBATH SUNDAY

We will not have a service this Sunday, December 28.
We will resume on Sunday, January 4.