



pursuing the
presence of **GOD**

Immanuel - God With Us

Main Text: Matthew 1:18–25

Supporting Texts: John 1:1–5;14; Colossians 2:9–10; Hebrews 4:14–16; Philippians 2:6–8

This weekend, Pastor Jonathan talked about the title Matthew gives to Jesus: Immanuel, which means God with us. He talked about the theological significance of the incarnation, the fact that God became a human being, and then discussed how important it is that Jesus can empathize with us and how he reveals the character of God to us.

Questions:

- Do you feel like God's presence is near to you or distant in your life right now in this season?
- The story of the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:18-25 reveals that Jesus came to save us from our sins, and that Jesus is God with us. Discuss how these truths about Jesus can be helpful for those of us maybe not feeling God's presence at the moment.
- John 1:14 & Colossians 2:9–10 speak about the profound reality of the divinity of Jesus. How does this impact your view of God?
- Read Hebrews 4:14–16. Discuss the importance of God's ability to empathize, not sympathize, with us in our weakness because of Jesus.
- Read Philippians 2:6–8. What does this reveal to us about the character of God?