



Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Anticipating the Savior

Sermon Title: Immanuel

Sermon Date: 12-2-18

Gospel Gain: Celebrate the creator in companionship with creation.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What do you know about the word Immanuel? What is significant about Jesus being Immanuel? Does the concept of God being with us still carry meaning today and if so, how?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

The prophet Isaiah wrote about what to look for in the coming Messiah. His descriptions created an anticipation about the Savior. Today's description is Immanuel – God with us.

Isaiah 7:14 - Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Read: *Matthew 1:18-25*

We have the privilege of seeing the rest of the story. We get to see the prophesy of Isaiah fulfilled in Jesus. What grabs your attention in this passage?

Look at verses 22-23. Why is it important to have Matthew connect his writings to what Isaiah shared many years before?

Read: *1 Timothy 2:3-6*

When you think of GOD being with us, what about God's character do you appreciate? Why does God's entrance into the world through the form of a baby named Jesus carry so much meaning?

Read: *Ephesians 2:13-22*

What do you appreciate about this passage?

Is companionship with God today really possible? How? What does it look like?

What qualities do people appreciate in their genuine friendships? How does the life of Jesus display those qualities?

What are some other scriptures that remind us of God's desire to be in relationship with his creation?

Read: *Philippians 2:5-11*

What does this passage tell us about the character of our Immanuel – Jesus?

What would you say to someone who feels unworthy of being in relationship with someone like Jesus?

How does ***Ephesians 2:8-9*** help you answer that question?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

What do you personally appreciate the most about the fact that God came to earth to be in relationship with us?

How does the reality of Immanuel – God with us, impact your daily walk of faith?

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Pray for us to live each day in companionship with Jesus.

Pray for God to show you who you could invite to Christmas Eve services at Oakwood.

Pray for the Dare to Care Initiative to have life changing impact.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.